

# HARWOOD DIARIES

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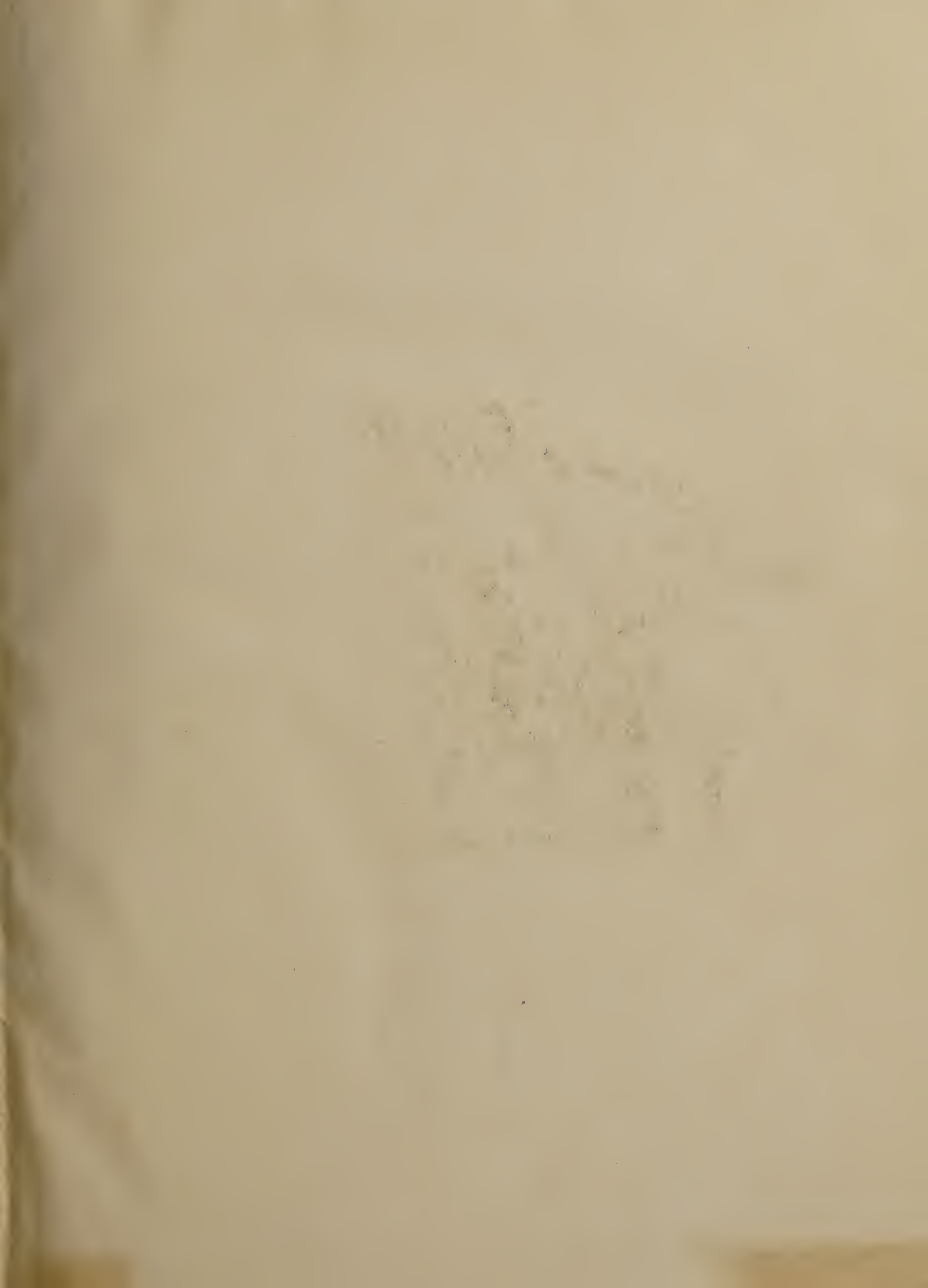
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Snowed in the night - continued snowing & blowing from S. or S.E. until a late hour in the day. At noon we looked for a calm, but the storm afterwards was renewed with increased violence - rained by short spells

Casks. Was employed nearly the entire day in putting up 3 casks cheese - found difficulty on account of the casks being deficient in size - they were the remnant of those which Montgomery, that faithful Carpenter being, made for me - Sept. 29, 1824 - E. Carpenter came to see me - agreed with him to allow me what he might sell the casks for at market.

Cider. Father & boys, Ed. Robinson being one, husked corn and about noon went to making cider - put up a cheese of six layers by 4 P.M. - performed an unsuccessful trip to the Distillery - had not emptied our

Taylor & lady. casks carried there last. Mr Taylor & his lady & child departed for Gr Gr'd Isle this morning to visit friends & relatives there - we invited them to call on us when returning to Monroe, Mss. Late P.M. received

Montague & Phelps the company of E. Montague - & J. Phelps & ladies - the latter couple had with them their babe, a little girl 9 months old - married Mary Jane. Mrs P. Waters was of the party - they waited until about 10 in the evening for an opportunity to get away. We were highly pleased with s'd visit. Agreed with Mr Phelps to furnish us, the ensuing winter, with 1/2 bhl clover & 2-1/2 do herdsgrass seed at the general market price

FRIDAY, NOV. 9 Rough, very cold - frozen up pretty solid, wind high & hoarse - flying cl'ds from N.W. Red North-

N.Lights Dimmick ern Lights seen early this evening. Paid respects to the village of Algiers - saw Horace Dimmick at the store of J. Norton Jr - said his wife had just been confined with another boy - had now a span of them - Mr Godfrey & others were in the store - walked to Mr Moore's - found him and his son busily employed in making and finishing off my casks -

Gleason would complete the job by 2 P.M. Crossed over by J. Hunt's to Mr Gleason's, Elijah Rob. place, to see about getting them to convey a load of cheese to Troy for me - Saw Mr G. & son Eben - was referred to Emerson who had gone to town - thither I marched up by the old Hov. R. Mansion.

B. & Fay Did not immediately find him - mean time at the store of Brown & Fay paid fifty cents in full of accounts - Saw there H.H.Fassett, J.T.Rob &





Nov. 1827 others - J.T. was busy at some kind of joiner work. At Cornings' saw & agreed with Em. Gleason to transport a load of cheese to Troy at 25" pr cwt to go towards debt due me - to load up on Sunday evening ready for an early start. At Mr Chandler's saw Mr Vail who sold his cheese to Mr Carpenter - expressed concern on the subject of casks - thought C rather unfair & quizzical in the bargain. Before night reached home - U.M.Rob'n there had been sent to U.M.Robinson 2 hhd's cider - 7-1/2 bbls - Late in the day sent for cheese casks pr Daniels by whom sent 29-1/2 lbs cheese & \$1.31 pay in full for 9 casks well made, but stuff not good being green hemlock - sent for & obtained patent scales at B & F's - weighed casks this eve'g, excepting one which D. left on the way for want of ingenuity in fastening it on so as to make it ride home. Several persons of our family were weighed, mine amounted only to 142 lbs J.B.Nort. Bo't on cr. 6-1/2 lbs beef of J.B.Norton. Clinton Osborn made short Clint call near night, going to Mr Eldred's in Pownal. Osborn.

SATURDAY, NOV. 10 Snowed awhile this morning with the majesty of winter - freezibg rough/ day - snow barely whitened the Cheese gr'd. Casking & weighing cheese employed us chiefly all this day - filled 11 casks - one of them proved too small - sent it back to Mr M. to exchange for a larger one, but they could not accommodate - therefore concluded that the 11 must suffice - in which were packed 268 lbs. Daniels sold fowls to the am't of \$1.05 - permitted him to use the money - had mare shod at Chandler's & whiplash bo't at Corning's on book acc't pr S.W.D.

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 11 Pleasant vut sharp morning - wind started up fresh from S - fixibg for a storm - thawed slightly. Vis- E.Carpenter- ited our friend E. Carpenter where saw his mother, children A. Dimmick, Sam Duncan, S.Martindale & others - we talked concerning our late contract - made an agreement that I would take nothing for my old casks, but the new ones were to be made up on my bill at half price - that is at 1/6 Y'k, which should be paid at settlement. On my acquainting him with the fact respecting the odd cask he fell to contriving how to accommodate me - said he must surely have the cheese, would furnish a cask for that which I had - must be to the trouble of sending to his house for it in the eve'g. Exhibited a bill of my casks & cheese as weighed by ourselves, he would accept of it so far as this, that on my arrival at Sill. Gr'd & Co's should have one cask weighed which if it varied none, no more weighing would be required. Received of him in advance \$46. chiefly in Brattleboro money. On my return home he accompanied me to his brother R's where I made a short halt - tried to fix it so as not to be obliged to send to Eli's to exchange casks - rec'd R.Carp six cents in full of Reynolds' for 1 q't tar. Before quitting the subject must observe that Eli expressed some uneasiness on account of the casks made for Kelly & me being of unseasoned timber - was afraid of losing weight by it. Came by the main road home - called to see the





School house. school house since it was repaired - considered the edifice as improved but supposed an additional window to the west would be very convenient. Subsequent to my arrival from C's, Daniels ret'd from uncle S. Robinsons with cans Nathan's long box affixed to our wagg., and he was sent to C's for s'd cask with which he could not get here until about 9 in the eve'g.

H.W. Father attended Publick Workship - H.W. was seen here this eve'g. We bargained with Nelson Duncan to work for us awhile. Agreed to buy an Arithmetic by Mrs Somebody on a new plan, of Mr Southworth - price 50 c's. Felt much anxiety on account of the weather.

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 12 Wind strong at S. or S.E. - warm, thawy, muddy - waggoning very bad - clouds so low as to drag on t the mountains. Felt the keenest kind of sensibility to any thing that had the slightest relation to my present undertaking - never endured more misery in the same length of time on a similar occasion - most of it caused by the delay growing out of the extreme vexation occasioned in filling the very mean cask sent me by friend Carpenter. After a long preparation assisted some by cous. Nathan, who with his father & brother Ed. had come to try a hand at making cider or rather gathering fruit for that purpose, departed with cheers about 10 A.M. for the City of Troy.

Troy. Rec'd ample assistance of N. Duncan & S.W. Daniels. Load consisted of 6 casks cheese, weighing in full 1630 lbs - Mrs Hard accompanied me. Past 3 P.M. arrived at J. Haynes' where a sh't halt was made - examined & found my wagg. needed some adjustment which by assistance from Mr Barkeeper it rec'd. Tw teams from Adams that had stopp'd there & got away before me, represented the travelling as most terrible past "The Kitchen", towards Troy. With no small ado we gained the residence of Mr J. Wadsworth after dark & there quartered for the night. Reed handsomely rec'd us in his usual good style. Abel, the unfortunate cripple, appeared to enjoy good health & spirits and Tom Theody the Englishman formerly waiter to our Furnace Company conversed freely on horses and other subjects. I found some books and papers to look at among which was Mr A. Eaton's Geological Survey of a strip of country from Buffalo to Boston.

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 13 Rained most powerfully this morning from W. & N.W. continued incessantly storming during the whole day - about noon commenced snowing violently before a strong wind from the direction just named. This will be a long remembered day, because it was the beginning of our winter - thousands of farmers had not dug their potatoes, picked their corn nor by a good deal finished making cider - Never were farmers more completely taken by surprise by the setting in of Winter than at this time - Real Winter had shut down snugly upon us - the season was looked upon as most extraordinary - No stirring this day from our snug retreat - saw now & then a team pass, but it was a melancholy spectacle - very tedious for drivers & horses - My mind would be employed on a thousand foolish speculations on the weather & travelling - was afraid of what a day might bring forth - Perused books & papers drily - sleep some part of the time took chief command. My spirits were in a measure restored by the arrival of our good fr'd Alvah Rice who left home in the morning previous to the commencement of the







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the gr't storm - had halted on the way waiting for fair weather, & by hard perseveranlce drove thus far with a load of rye. J.Loomis Esq arrived 8 in the evening with the Albany Stage - and it fell to the lot of poor Tom to drive home hence to Albany with a full load of passengers this stormy dark comfortless night. One of said passengers had with him a dog of the terrier breed of which he appeared very find - ordered him some food which was served to him on an earthen plate. After the departure of our gentry Sally found a Y'k sixpence which she supposed to have been dropped by someone of the party.

WEDNESDAY, NOV. 14 Perhaps this country has never been visited by a more terrible North Wester than was this day experienced. The N. river was in a furious foam & while on my way to the City was under the absolute necessity of fastening on my hat with strings tied under my chin - our trials were mostly trying on the heights over which our way passed - the dreariness of the aspect is almost past description. The threatening scowling clouds & the loud roaring of the wind with the lashing of the waves in Troy will not soon be forgotten by me. The fury of the wind did not seem much to abate until late in the night. Soon after sunrise we resumed our journey - were at first entangled among a parcel of Adams dairy teams, but fortunately soon extricated ourselves from the throng - following diligently Mr Rice into Lansingburgh where he halted to dispose of his load - we continued driving until we reached the upper end of Troy where Mrs H. landed at the house of cous. S.Robinson Jr. Proceeded to the establishm't of Siliman, Grant & Co- unloaded 6 casks cheese - Mr Mann the cl'k gave me a a rec'pt for the same according to my bill of which took an abstract, made out what was due thereon provided my other load should arrive - Left it for Mr Carpenter to receipt if I should happen not to be present, the amount being for lbs 2946 - \$176.76 - and for 9 casks at 1/6 Y'k \$1.69 - being in full \$178.45 - from which after subtracting the money paid over on Sunday - \$46. - left due \$132.45. The weight of what was now delivered amounted to lbs 1467. Having finished the above business stabled my horses at Stearne's - Late P.M. dined at cous. Sam' then began our trading tramp down R. St - Called at a dry goods store high up whose name I did not take - but altho' he appeared pretty & very reasonable, we chose to look further - made another fruitless call lower down - I think the first place at which we performed business was at Quackenbush's where we purchased as follows - 3 y'ds sraw col'd ribbon for L.Harwood 37-1/2 - 1 do plain S. Mull, 94" - 2 do Bob't lace, \$1.12-1/2 - 2 spools Clark's floss 0.18" - three last articles for cous Marg't - 2 prs suspenders, 44" - for S.W.D. & N.Duncan. Gr'd silk veil for Diadamia 50" - making a bill of \$3.50, paid in full. Next visited Mabbett's where our friend Baker Robinson appeared to be employed - here Mrs Harwood bo't 6 y'ds calico, main color yellow, paid \$1.50, cloth of good quality at 25" pr y'd. Bo't of Covell & 2 shaker brooms for 56 cents which added to the bills above amounted to \$5.62





Next called at friend Powelson's - he was gone to supper - nobody present but his daughter - went to his house - 4th St - he quickly returned with me & proceeded in a manner very pleasing to deal out goods to us as follows:-1 piece cotton sheeting y'ds wide, 29-3/4 long - \$4.16 - 2 tab. cloths \$1.81 - one at 7/0 the other at 7/6 Y'k - 12-1/2 yds calico, 2/2 - \$3.38-1/2", about 5 y'ds for Adeline, remainder for deacon Lydia - 3 cotton cravats for every-day wear for self & Daniels at 2/3, 34" - 12 sk's black sewing silk, 47" - 4 sticks twist, 0/5, 21 cs - 2-1/3 doz imitation buttons, 18 cs, 42" - 3 vest do 6 cs - 3 y'ds cotton for sleeve lining -1/3- 47" - 5-1/2 lbs cott. batting - 1/3 - 0.78 Small shawl, 13-1/2 - & 4 y'ds cotton for shirtees at 1-1/0 - 50 - paid in full \$13.29

Next visited Wm Brinkerhoff & bo't 1 pen knife, very fine, 2 blades calculated wholly for making pens & intended as a present to Daniels for running to & from at the time of preparing cheese for market - price 50" - 1 butcher do 29 - 2 toys 13" - 1 awl & handle 6" & 1 clothes brush 34", which we afterwards unluckily lost, supposed it was hooked - in all \$1.32 paid in full. Returning up street called at Mr Gary's - he was present himself - I entered complaint against his leather - that is his upper leather - he was sorry to hear it - said it could not be of his own tanning - did not take up much time in conversation - bo't 1 side sole leather, 15-3/4 lbs, \$3.78 - 1 sheepskin 50" - 1 calf skin \$2.25 1/2 lb Eng. hempen shoe. Sally bo't crockery at Jones' & paid for the same \$2. I went to the Book Store of Platt & after a hard tug bo't this volume for \$2.62-1/2 - considered it a high price, but it was at so late an hour that there was no chance for speculation - so therefore took it & came off rather heavily - this about wound up our trading for this evening. Returned to cous. S. past 9 - retired to rest latish - was kept awake a good deal by the tremendous wind which blew off the river.

THURSDAY, NOV. 15 Keen wintry morning - much more calm than during night - chill & cl'dy all day - little or no snow on the banks of the river - elevated places in the country were white with it. Completed my purchases this morning at O. & A. Arnold's and at cous. S. Robinson's - my bill at the store of the former consisted of 2 bbls coarse salt - 5/6 - \$1.38 - 30 lbs br. sugar 10¢ - \$3.00 1/4 lb cassia at 1/6 - 19" - amounting to \$4.57 - At cous. S's bo't 1 lb alspice - 0.31 - 1 do pepp'r 0-25 - 3 do O.H. tea 7/6 \$2.81 - 1 do h. s. 5/9 - 0.72 - 1 do ginger 13", 1 lb bar soap 9" - and tin cake cutter 3" - being altogether \$4.34 which was 15" over my demand on him for cheese - paid in full - Making an aggregate of goods bo't at this time according to the best calculation I could form rise to \$40.67 - to which add \$2.44 travelling expenses and the result is that we paid out \$43.11" That money (\$2.) which I in haste left on the 27th June last with young Stearns, the hopeful son of the Inn-keeper there, was never handed over to the





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Arnold's agreeably to my request - I was informed of it on the 8th of August by Mr Winship but did not know but that he might have paid it since that period. Mr Bills, cl'k to O. & A. A. said soon after Mr W's visit he called on our young friend for the money, which he promised to pay over, but had never done it - and when I questioned him on the subject he pretended great forgetfulness - could hardly recollect ever receiving such money - did not know but that it had been paid - said I might go to Arnold's & see - &, if not, would upon my declaration hand it over to me - settled the business by paying 4" int. along with the s'd sum and taking up my obligation - furthermore upon my telling him what Mr Bills' said, he denied ever hearing anything respecting it - pretended to have forgotten the thing altogether - when I paid my bill he paid the balance to me, but apparently as if he recollected nothing of it - saying if I had deposited with him fifty or one hundred dollars he might have recollected and attended to it, but as the case now was I might consider myself well off to get my money again - and so I did for it was not likely I should trust a man of his stamp again with my cash, however trifling the sum.

Late when we left Troy - came up the new Hoosack road as it is sometimes called - found it much more rough than by way of Lansingburgh - slow getting forward - past 2 P.M. when arrived at Wadsworth's - settled all my bills in full - saw Mr W. who was in Troy during the storm, had obtained his election to the Assembly - we came on at a dull rate.

Took in Mr Martin beyond Shingle Hollow, as passenger to the 4 corners - said he kept school this side Potter Hill. By his losing a letter out of his pocket directed to the Selectmen of Arlington, Vt., in behalf of his wife & family whom he described as being in a most miserable situation we presumed he must be a very mean or a very shiftless man. After gaining the summit of Armstrong Hill found an increased quantity of snow - Met Richard Dickinson who told us that the highway near Jones' - E. of Esq'r Hubbell's, S. Scott's & Wickwire's was so blocked up by an immense snow drift as to be impassable with waggons - told us where to turn off to avoid it, but it was so dusky when we arrived on the ground, could not discover the track which led over the fence and therefore we soon found ourselves fast in the big drift - my spirits were down, would even have abandoned the ship - unhitched & gone home, but in the midst of our trouble Dr H. Swift who had been to visit a patient at W's kindly favored us with his assistance & advice by which we were happily extricated from this dilemma - piloted us through E. D. Hubbell's pasture into the highway again - rode with us as far as his house, being all the way very lively & full of cheering remarks - arrived here before 9 in the eve'g - made a display of goods &c.

Mr Carpenter called to enquire respecting the travelling &c., which we described to him as well as we could - he said he should remove his dairy to Troy on Monday next. During our absence Ebenezer Gleason came (on) to take my load as agreed upon - the storm came on with





such fury as to prevent his getting away all that day - Wednesday he went home - the final result was their gaiving it up entirely. The corn was all husked - apples all gathered, excepting those in Clark's orchard by cous. Nathan & his troops.

FREIDAY, NOV'R 16 Calm & tolerably pleas't - wind S. - Walked with my father to town - he went to Montague's and obtained 20 sheep leased to him in Jan'y last in good order according contract - My chief business was with cous. Nathan & uncle S. Robinson at Isaac F's barn where they were taking on a sled load of rye straw belonging to them which they designed to take home. Cous. N. agreed to accompany me to Troy on Monday next - Sunday was at first talked of. Some small work was obtained at Chandler's - To Mr Winship was delivered 18 lbs butter at 1/0 to be paid at short notice - Daniels and N. Duncan cleaned the cider press - transported 1 bbl cider to the Distillery - returned with empty casks - threshed oats etc.

Cows were regularly stabled on the 13th - continued doing so up to this date, and all the regular routine of foddering regularly attended to as in dead of Winter - with the exception of sheep - they could yet live in pastures

SATURDAY, NOV'R 17 Chilling N.W. wind - flying cl'ds, some sunshine. Something done at house banking, & other such concerns looked after. Oats threshed by N. Duncan - Two bbls cider conveyed to D. Clark, grist to mill pr S.W. Daniels, inclusive of horse-shoeing at Chandler's. Cous. Nathan paid his respects here this evening - promising to accompany me to Troy on Monday next

SUNDAY, NOV'R 18 Cold, cloudy & chilly - wind N.W. Commenced recording my Journal in this volume. Father & Diadamia heard the preaching of Rev. D. A. Clark. Assisted in the evening by boys zfter hard exertion loaded up for Troy - Cous. N. Robinson arrived early in the evening - bro't up our old wagg. box with which I was going to the River - unfortunately it was found he had omitted bringing the end boards - these Sylvanus had to go to his house for in short order - returned without meeting trouble.

Cous. N. was obliged to go to Algiers & have a horse shodall round to visit the Distillery of J. Nort. Jr - to procure 20 G's cider brandy - returned here by about 9 and prepared for Troy.

In addition to my cheese in casks, loaded 8 or 10 bhls oats & 2 cheeses for cous. Sam. - weighing 63-1/2 lbs.

MONDAY, NOV'R 19 Wind fresh from W. or N.W. Tolerably cold & cl'dy. As soon as it was light enough we were away - had some business for Miss Waters' to Miss Flack of T. Found bad rough wheeling this side & opposite the residence of E. D. Hubbell, deep ruts, hobby, every way unpleasant. When arrived at Deacon Dimmick's, Mr Kelly joined company - & at Ostrand's a halt was made on account of a Mr Hays breaking down - having a part of H's Dairy - complained of fiery horses.





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The Kenyon waggon we found quite abominable - it was at the father extremity of this part of the Publick Road that we passed the said wagg. By going in the S. ditch we shunned a part of that formidable impediment - Got along pretty handsomely to Haynes' where it was judged necessary to make a short halt - horses were worried - wheeling quite tire some on account of being so dreadfully trodden up when it froze - nor had it yet got to be solid in many places where the wheels had cut down deep - Mr L. Sherwood & others with loads for Kelly having made a momentary stop - started forward as we came up. Having seen our teams refrshed pursued our course leisurely to Snyder's - to which place cous N. had, by driving with a velocity a little beyond what my nerves would endure, arrived before me - Were soon again in motion - the way being vastly more smooth as we advanced forward. Passed through Lansingburgh in season to reach Troy by about sunset. At the back store of Silliman Grant & Co., saw everything towards the dock in great confusion - unloaded our six cashs cheese and left it at the E. end of s'd store in open air - Cous. N. went off to buy up his flour - I unharnessed & stabled my horses at Stearns' - my cous. soon returned with 9 lbs flour & followed suit - we supped at cous. J's. In the evening visited the S. end - Bo't of Brinckerhoff 4 pocket knives for 7/8 Y'k and 39 ft rope weigh'g 3-1/4 lbs - making a bill of \$1.44 - paid in full - Did not much like a very sleek headed Cl'k who waited upon me at this establish ment - discovered nothing very pernicious about him neither - but ~~thoug~~ thought him too reluctant in shewing me a better quality of goods than he at first exhibited - seemed anxious to turn me off with mere trash - a trick too common among our little gent'n of the counter. My knives were put down at 90 cents. Miss Flack's communication was handed in previous to going to B's. I called it Miss F's - ought to write it Miss W's - Staid so long looking at steelyards &c at B's that no more time was allowed for business this evening. Returned to cous. S's & took lodgings with cous. N. Before quitting the transactions of this day let me say that I sold to cous. Samuel 63-1/2 lbs cheese at 6-1/2 cts pr lb which according to his bill amounted to \$4.10 - & 9-1/4 bhl oats at 2/9 Y'k \$3.16, in all \$7.26 - next morning rec'd toward it \$3. cash & a tin lantern 31" leaving due me \$3.95"

TUESDAY, NOV'R 20 Continued much as it had been, cl'dy with a pretty stiff breeze from N.W. The first business of importance attended to was to see friend Carpenter & draw from him pay for the cheese which I had been so much pains to sell him. Before he could be ready to hand over - had time visit the leather store of J. Gary of whose cl'k, Mr Brown, bought what he recommended a fine side upper leather for \$2.75 - paid - I was particular in buying in that way because I conceived heretofore that inadvertently they had let me







have that which was of inferior quality - and I was bold to tell them of it. Returned to Dorlon's where cous. N. & I met Carpenter & Kelly in the bar room. At first C. amused himself a little at my expense, saying he supposed I expected to receive money of him, but that he was unable through disappointment to meet me - continued talking for a moment in that strain until I began to be wrought upon in some degree - asking him if that was according to agreement? But he quickly changed the scene by saying if I would treat with 3 glasses of beer he guessed he would pay me and Mr K. likewise. K. laughed heartily at the joke - meantime the beer was called on and Mr Carpenter proceeded to count out his money to me - Rec'd in one parcel \$100 closely bound together - and thirty two dollars loose, chiefly Brattleboro money, not exceeding 5% in a bill - there then remained due 45 cents which he declined paying at this time on account of their being some uncertainty respecting the weight of my cheese, having dispensed with weighing it there as he had others. I gave him a regular bill of the weight both of lasks and cheese telling him that if at N.York it fell short more in proportion than other dairies, I would upon his presenting me his bill in regular form make up the deficiency - these perhaps were not exactly the words but such was the substance of what passed at the time. I retained a copy of my cheese bill which after my return home was carefully laid in the desk. Mr H. I suppose received his pay in full. While upon this subject would mention that Mr Carpenter was understood to be in Co with Mr Brayton of Adams, Mass in the cheese business - that he bought the present season about thirty thousand weight at \$6. pr cwt. Those in our vicinity who traded with him, Harmon & Kelly - whose dairy, 8000, exceeded the others, A. & L. Sherwood, S. Gale and Mr John Vail - See page 3 - to avoid the trouble of weighing, made me more readily excuse Carp. from paying the fraction above mentioned. Attended to other concerns with cheerfulness & alacrity. Bo't of O. & A. Arnold - 1 qr. wint, str. oil, 88 cents - 2 codfishes, 25 lbs, \$1. - 1 lb tea 88c and a sack Liv. salt - \$2.63 - swelling my bill to \$5.39 - paid in full

On a day of leisure shall make out a regular return of monies paid for goods at Troy during my 2 last visits there. The said tea I procured for Mrs Duncan on Nelson's acc't - they named 2 kinds to me - I spoke for the cheapest - 75" - but after my arrival here found it set down at 88", the dearest of the 2. Previous to going down ~~it-set-down~~ 88" to O. & A. A's cous. Nathan had given me 3 bbls flour to transfer home, and being obliged to halt in Lansingburgh to take in additional loading said he would call at his brother's & put on board all my loose prop'ty there, but we found afterwards that his "Harwood" had so far prevented as to cause him to forget the jug of oil - No matter, was soon to go again & would then bring it. Let me say one word before quitting Troy which should have come out in due order previous to getting so far down this long page - The clerk of Mr Gary appeared to be a candid intelligent man - expressed surprise & wonder at the infatuation so prevalent at this juncture among our northern people in supporting the Jack





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son interest - had resided for about 10 years within a few miles of the residence of the Hero of N. Orleans - said his personal or private character was bad & none of his friends in that quarter pretended to defend it - Considered all this tumult and noise was got up by designing men & echoed by the inconsiderate multitude who knew or cared very little for the man apart from other views - The fact was this gent. like myself tho't the gen. entitled to all his military fame but as a candidate for the Presidency considered him a most exception character. Keep off the Joabs & Cromwell's we want none of them for President of these Free & Independent States. At cous. Sam's the Jackson cry prevailed. Left Troy past 10 A.M. - saw no more of my companion until arrived at Snyder's - here we made but a short tarry - late as 2 P.M. or nearly so. Two men of that vicinity were present of whom one appeared anxious to be thought very knowing as to Stage & P. Office concerns, but in reality was a mere novice in those matters. We had it much at heart to reach home this evening - our Bennington friends & others in Kelley's service being empty passed us on the heights beyond Pittstown Meeting house. Some little distance beyond Richmonds, formerly Eldred's, it being late in the day, too dark to see clearly enough to avoid ruts, my waggon took such a violent wriggling that my hat was uncerimously dashed off in a twinkling & for ought I knew completely ground up under the wheels, but when I got out of the snarl sufficient to enable me to halt, went back & recovered it once more perfectly whole & safe.

Darkness completely enveloped the land by the time we reached Haynes', so considering all things we thought it prudent to put up for the night. Two men were here concerned in cattle driving - Uncle Nat. Osborn of Carpenter Hill also tarried at this house, being on his return from carrying a load of cheese for E. Carpenter who for that purpose provided oxen. A young Dutchman, between 25 or 30 years of age related many comical anecdotes of Camp-meeting and such sort of scenery - his manner reminded me very clearly of our friend W. Haff formerly a resident in our neighborhood.

WEDNESDAY, NOV. 21 Appeared as if it would be more pleasant early in the day than it had been; but finally turned out as sharp and wintry as any of the preceding - some few flakes snow were flying. Settled with our landlord who brought in a joint bill of 94 against us for keeping two spans horses, lodging & cider - 47" a piece. Drove off leisurely - found rough waggoning - especially after leaving the main road to gain by way of A. Sherwood's, Deac. Gales & Esq Henry, the store & factory of deac. S. Hinsdill - One of my horses being smooth shod had in a few instances to encounter short patches of ice in a manner that filled me with anxious pity for the poor animal - no serious damage occurred to him however .

We safely delivered our trust at the deacons - Henry & Geo Safford assisted in unloading & the price of the flour was \$6 pr bbl of which one was purchased & bro't out to cous. Uel.

Being arrived at uncle S. Robinson's dined deliciously with cous. N. - had team well baited - then came up into "The Street"





Col. M. and made a long halt - Looked for Col. M. - visited the store of Fay & Brown or Brown & Fay. Mr G. Robinson being there said B. would like S.H.Brown it if I wated & would carry home his trunk for him, he having just arrived from N. York City - engaged so to do. At last saw my good Col at the P. Office. Dr Gilbert & the sailor had a long dispute over a cent fee for pamphlet postage. At length after I had stood about a good while enduring very many feelings of uneasiness the Col. came forward & discoursed with me on that very unpleasant subject the debt due me from him. He could pay me nothing at present, but as soon as he could get in some of his debts, which he expected would be effected shortly, would pay what he could - encouraged me to call next week. E.H.Swift came in - asked him if his father were at home, he replied affirmatively - I stepped out, but reflecting a moment - concluded I could save calling at the Doctors, therefore turned about, marched into the P. Office & there in presence of Solo. Clark, Col Merrill, if I mistake not, J. S. Robinson & others, delivered to Edward H. Swift that parcel of money rec'd from the hand of Eli Carpenter in Troy containing one hundred dollars which he the s'd Edward promised to endorse on my note of \$268.00 given his father, Dec'r 4 1826 - Some few jokes followed between Ed'd, Solomon, J.S.Rob. and perhaps somebody else which I am too bungling a reporter to insert here. Late P.M. started for home having Geo. Robinson for passenger - overtook my father returning from a visit to the grist mill - Delivered the trunk of S.H.Brown at his house. At home saw that many loads manure had been drawn onto the meadow, several loads buttonwood drawn up & preparation was making for butchering hogs on the morrow - Cows stabled, cattle & horses fed as usual in the most settled Wintry weather.

THURSDAY, NOV. 22 Severe, dry harsh wind & flying clouds with some scattering flakes of snow visited our country this day. Five excellent hogs for quality of pork were this day butchered and superbly dressed under the direction & inspection of Dr Sam. Robinson & Horave Dimmick Esq'r, assisted by cous. N. Robinson, S.W.Daniels & N. Duncan. The great fat Alvah Rice sow, the most compleatly fatted of any creature of the kind ever reared on this farm occasioned much speculation as to what she would weigh. Brown & Fay's Sat.Balances finally decided the question which was settl'd at 452 lbs - sold to H. Hall - next a sow the largest of her 4 pigs came up to 416 - sold to U. M. Robinson - next the only barrow, 376 - B.Harwood's bbl next 280 - do - lastly 270 - of which 140 lbs were sold to Mr Winship, making an aggregate of lbs 1794 - Am't sold - Hall \$22.50 - U.M.Rob 20.80 Winship, \$7.00 - being in full \$50.40. The pork was distributed by Daniels & Duncan to those who bought - Mr J. Harwood commenced making shoes. Mr Taylor on his return from Gr'd Isle to Monroe, Mss accomp'd by his lady, child & younger brother made a short call here this P.M. Friend Dimmick went home before night - Uncle Sam'l & cous. Nathan staid until a late hour cutting up pork - we chose not to pack it this night.





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FRIDAY, NOV'R 23 Weather much as it had been - w'd N.W. Pork packed by B. Harwood - Oats threshed by Daniels & Duncan - Errands in town by H. Harwood after long preparation in the m'g -

U. M. Rec'd cash from U. M. Robinson for 7-1/2 bbls of cider \$5.37 - for pork \$20.80 - amounting in full to \$26.17. Aaron Grover Jr with his brother from the State of N. York, Col. M. & others, made a wonderful display of their Jacksonian partiality. Spent some time at the Post Office - Left

Mr Vail & came to the office of Hall & Blackmer. Mr Vail being present prevented my naming the errand which occasioned my visit there. Mr V. stated that Mr Carpenter in settling with him kept back 13/0 Y'k which he refused paying at the time. Capt H. could not conveniently pay up all my demand at this junction - gave me \$10. in money and his note payable by the 15th Dec'r next for \$12.60 - Endeavored to see my friend SH.B., but could not find him, felt as if he did not sufficiently attend to my demand - tho't he might pay it up without difficulty if he would but bestir himself in real earnest. Went to Corning & Co's - settled books with Gurdon L. Corning & paid my acc't in full \$19.82" - took G.L.'s receipt for the same. In comparing my merch't book with their Day b'k & Ledger found omission on their part amounting to not far from \$2.00. At first Deac. Safford was not present, but came in before business was compleated - he acknowledged his obligation to me for keeping so correct a book - excepting in those articles, it very nearly squared with their book. After this business was thorough with called for a settlement with F. Blackmer & Co - not convenient then to attend to it - so paying 21 dollars which I supposed would nearly amount to the balance against us there, took receipt therefor - Saw Lieut Welch & others at that house - When coming home walked in company with Mr Bliss as far as his house - carrying for him a pumpkin presented by Dr H. Swift.

Having collected & paid out money, felt satisfied with having so far got the better of some of our debts.

SATURDAY, NOV'R 24 No material variation in the weather - perhaps it might be a little milder than it had been -

Cheese packed. Weighed & packed cheese - 32 weighed lbs 920 - packed in oats contained in 2 old salt chests placed in the cheese room - One of the 32 was bargained to our old friend J. Harwood - exclusive of the above their remained an old one which might weigh 16 lbs - so that we had on hand about 936 lbs - and something over 900 exclusive of J. Harwood's - See latter part of Journal for Oct. - Boys win'd & meas'd up say 19 bbls of oats or rather they winn'd but didn't finish measur'g them -

John Hicks. Daniels before noon went away to visit his folks in Pownal. Sent Nelson Duncan late in the day with 42 lbs butter to John Hicks' to pay for harness making &c. - this I thought would nearly pay his bill.

Emerson Gleason came to take away his wagg. & harness - thought of getting him to transp't plaster from Troy. Mr Harwood worked late at shoes.





SUNDAY, NOV'R 25 Our dry chilling N.Wester & flying cl'ds cont'd.  
 Father & Diadama visited the Sancturary. I was  
 bound down to writing. A Mr Dyer of Shaftsbury was published to Miss  
 Hall of Bennington, the sister of Capt. H. H. Boys return after dark  
 from visiting friends in Pownal - Kept late hours writing. H.W. appear  
 ed here. Cous'n Marg't being sick Dr Swift was called to her aid -  
 gave an emetic

H.W.  
 Dr Swift  
 visits  
 Marg't  
 Harwood.

MONDAY, NOV'R 26 Black fly'g clouds - steady breeze from N.W. - cold  
 as wint. Boys went to chopping in the woods -  
 father attended to concerns about home - Business called me to Algiers.  
 Settled accounts at Mr Volentine's - charged for carding wool \$4.21 -  
 cloth dressing &c \$9.20 - total \$13.41 - Cr'd 1-1/2 bbls soap at 3-1/2  
 do \$5.25 - leaving against me \$8.16 of which he threw off 4" - the re-  
 mainder paid in full. Rec'd 2 rolls of cloth which were deposited at  
 J.Rog's. Paid Harry Norton 88 cents in full - left an old axe with  
 him to be worked over - Dined at J. Rog's - his lady made excuses be-  
 cause her victuals was not good enough - I thought there was no necess-  
 ity for it, made an excellent repast - previous to eating I was quite  
 exhausted. Entered the store of J.Norton Jr - David Squires, clerk -  
 J.B.N. gone to N. York for more goods - Bo't on Cr 1/2 yard thick  
 cambric 19" - 1/2 lb tobacco, 10" - & 1/2 oz camphor gum 6" - total 35"  
 Paid 6" for cake Cast'e soap.

Geo Godfrey, Sr & Jr, L. Jewett, John Harbour & others were pres-  
 ent. J.Harbour argued that it would be for the interest of the citi-  
 zens of Algiers to go into the use of charcoal for fuel, to mix it with  
 wood it would in his opinion make a great saving.

B.Squires Called on B.Squires in his shop and handed him the fraction of 5  
 cts which he paid me Oct. 30 in a dollar bill for a debt of 95 cents  
 - previous to getting said fraction, said his pockets were completely  
 empty - Money he said did not stay long theré.

V. D. Spoke with J.Rogers & M. Martin. In the Street got into the waggon  
 of Vander McEowen who had a team of 3 horses - rode up to the Benning-  
 ton Iron Works - one furnace only in operation - Viewed the Forge which  
 was not yet fully compleated - Reuel Eddy if I mistake not managed the  
 E. fire - saw him use the big hammer - they were fitting up an estab-  
 lishment for the erection of another hammer on a new plan - Mr Savage  
 was finishing off the wheel which turned remarkably easy - Young M.  
 Barber, one of our last Summer's boarders was preparing to set the  
 anvil into a most solid fine looking white-ash block. Everything car-  
 ried the appearance of permanency about these works. After seeing what  
 satisfied me returned with Mr McE. with whom I conversed vary agreeably  
 and freely, to M. Norton 2'ds where a settlement of acc'ts was effected  
 of about 2-1/2 y'rs standing. Found charged to me, including tools  
 for uncle C., \$5.19 - cr brandy & iron \$2.88 - paid balance \$2.31 in me  
 money & immediately returned home. In the evening paid Mr Southworth  
 balance for last Summer's S. bill, \$2.14 - \$5. borrowed - making am't o  
 of money paid out this day \$18.51 - Dr Swift visited Marg't - Jackson -  
 took some from him, S. & myself

Dr Swift





Nov. 1827 TUESDAY, NOV'R 27 Continued very cold - perhaps it was a little more mild than heretofore - wind N.W. Boys employed chopping in the woods. Some notions were attended to by B. Harwood & Son - P.M. the latter threshed 60 sheaves rye - father visited Algiers and returned with an axe newly fixed over - the head which we provided failed - Norton furnished another in its stead - charged \$1.25, otherwise his price would have been \$1. only - warranted for thirty days.

Dr Swift. Dr N. Swift visited cous Marg't - Read to Mother his address on Temperance - delivered at the meeting house on the 20th inst. in presence of a numerous and respectable audience.

N. Duncan broke S.H. Brown's oxen. Respecting the axe from Algiers - see Monday.

WEDNESDAY, NOV'R 28 Pleasant comparatively - wind N. We presume so fine a day had not been seen for more than a month.

L. & J. Rode N. in the 1 h. wagg - made calls at Waters', Chandler's & F.B. & Co Chandler. store - bo't 1/2 bhl coals for 4" of Chandler - Saw Lewis & James who Portable had just arrived on a visit from distant points or directions of the furnace. State of N.Y. Returned home with Mrs Waters' portable furnace over Cash p'd which the ladies boiled app. sauce. P.M. went to Saff's mill. Rec'd J. Murphy in full from J. Murphy for 4 bhl apples \$2. in money - Mr M. visited town riding in my wagg - conversed very pleasantly with him. Rec'd at Heman J. Roger's the full complement of cloth dressed by Mr Volentine. Saw Robinson Capt Heman Robinson at the Post Office, who at my suggestion, or request, as you please, calculated how many bbls cider he had made at our mill the present season - said the amount as near as he could come at it, was 40 - his brother, Stephen, was among others pres't - they made pleasant allusion to my gaining, or more properly recovering, the sum mentioned N.Y. Jan 26, 1827. Procured Vt Gaz. and on the way home called at Dr Swift's papers. where they took the trouble of getting together the N.Y. Spect. for nearly all Nov., as well as other papers - spent the evening chiefly reading them - Boys chopped in the woods

THURSDAY, NOV'R 29 Quite rainy from the S. thaw & unpleasant - our late winter seemed to be breaking up - Father some ill - Boys do something at threshing - Nelson departs for Shirkshire about noon - Dr N. Swift visits cous. Marg't - I go to town and am accompanied by on the road by the Doctor to his house - Call at S.H. Blackmer's - alone a few moments with his little boy about 4 yrs old - wanted to know what cheese was made of - proceed to make a satisfactory reply, but being interrupted by the entrance of B. Sears & another boarder who were going to sit down to dinner - take my departure for Court House hill - enter the Post Office - Isham soon follows & hands the Martial. sentence of a late Court Martial pronounced against Ensign Gilbert Bradley 2d of Sunderland for neglect of duty &c rendering him incapable of holding office, Military, during 3 years if I mistake not, to Mr Clark for publication. Seeing S.H. Brown there, speak with him respecting the axe affair - appears to pass it off easily.





D.Rob.Jr Our friend D.Robinson Jr comes in after reading papers several moments  
 Col. begins to let fall some broken sentences of opposition to Jackson -  
 Merrill. friend Darius defends. Col M. having retired to the printing office, is  
 followed by me who enquires respecting money - has none - was mistaken,  
 that is, was under a mistake, in telling me so soon to call upon him  
 for pay. If I would call on Friday the 7th inst, should endeavor to  
 hand over some - but was afraid of promising any specific sum. Return  
 S.H.Black- below stairs - See S.H.Blackmer, J.S.Robinson & others - wanted to say  
 mer. a word to the former - he crosses over to U.M.Rob's - I soon follow -  
 Leasen that cous. Nathan had gone to Troy - some conversation ensues be-  
 tween cous. U. & S.H.B. on the manufacturing interest, the former affir-  
 mative, the latter negative - both get the argument and my friend last  
 mentioned marches off - I accompany him on his waggon home and meet  
 with two or three ludicrous falls upon icy gr'd. At his office we hold  
 a long and friendly dialogue on a variety of everyday concerns - agrees  
 Settlem't to pay me all demand on him by the 15th proximo. Depart contented -  
 in full visit F. B. & Co - pay my account in full, 98". The whole charged on  
 at S.H.B book~~against~~ against H. Harwood & ~~son~~ from the early part of March to Nov. 10 -  
 & Co. amounted to \$37.48, of which \$12.50 was borrowed money returned as well  
 as \$5.50 orders pr S.Harwood, R. Kent & lady, so that the actual amount  
 of goods bo't on our own account would not much exceed \$19., at this  
 house. The full sum charged at Corning's was \$20.82 which included an  
 order of \$3.17, leaving to domestic consumption \$17.65 - sum tot. at  
 both houses \$36.65. This evening at the house of L. Chandler & Son  
 after talking some time with Lewis Jun'r respecting the Hudson & Dela-  
 ware Canal on which he had executed some considerable jobs the summer  
 past at building toll houses, by which he had become well acquainted  
 with the country, the soil of which in general terms he pronounced  
 Settlem't very barren & poor - face of the country mountainous & rough, proceeded  
 Chandlers to a settlement of accounts with neighbor Samuel, the amount of whose  
 charges since Nov'r 23d 1826 to the present date was \$14.74, of which  
 about \$7.00 was for horse-shoeing. My acc't amounted only to \$2.00 for  
 brandy which being added to a demand of \$6.66 against the Firm, made  
 \$8.66 - this subtracted from \$14.74 left due \$6.08 - paid the fraction  
 and signed an obligation or demand for the remainder - said something  
 of taking it up within thirty days - Came home early in the eve'g.

FRIDAY, NOV'R 30 Stormed all day - towards the latter part of it the  
 wind hauling round to the N. sifted us some snow.  
 Did not drive much business abroad, threshed 60 sheaves rye. Read news  
 paper respecting Jackson &c. Could find nothing inviting in the char-  
 acter ascribed to him. Roads badly thawed up.

SATURDAY, DEC'R 1 More pleas't & mild than had been known for many  
 Cider days - Ragged cl'ds, w'd N.W. Ckder was made from  
 made. apples that were gathered previous to Nov. 13 - there was a heap com-  
 prising





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rather more than one hundred and thirty bbls which it took all day to grind - the central part of the heap appeared to be not much frozen but the surface as well as those below were pretty thoroughly singed and there were many pieces of ice intermixt, all which as far as was practicable was thrown out - bzd business grinding & laying up the pomace. Had full confidence in the strength of the liquor expressed therefrom - by 9 in the evening got about 10 bbls filled. Mr Kent visited us the first time since sometime in Sept.

SUNDAY, DEC'R 2 Mild, pleas't P.M. The fine weather with which we were so seldom blessed the present extraordinary season was improved in expressing & running cider into the cellar - filling a 110 gal hhd. Father went to meeting - paid contribution money - 25" towards the support of Sunday Schools. Mr Winship paid us a neighborly visit - paid me \$10 in full for 18 lbs butter & 140 do pork - appeared well pleased with the quality of his provisions - in the eve'g cous. Nathan with his brother Edwin entered upon grinding his heap of apples - When in Troy last had procured for us 5 galls molasses at 3/0 Y'k & 2 prs of mittens, buckskin, at 41 cents which were charged to me by cous. Samuel - making a bill of \$2.70, leaving due \$1.25 according my reckoning.

MONDAY, DEC'R 3 Clouds thick & dark - wind W. & S. Daniels was posted off to Woodford with horses & wagg. to transport 3-1/3d bbls cider to Elisha Lyons' - when arrived there, there was no provision made for storing it & the man was gone to Hoosack, besides his lady said they had been supplied with boiled cider for making app. sauce - So of course the casks, 3 of which belonged to B.Harw'd & 1 to Dr Swift, were left with direction, as soon as the contents were disposed of, to have them forwarded to the store of F. Blackmer & Co at an early day. I carted to Mr Colvin & Rockwood's 4 bbls cider which after much delay on account of not being properly prepared with storage & a reluctance in R. to receive it because the fruit had been frozen, at length got off my hands by warranting it sound - Had to empty 3 bbl by pumping - lost a part of the pump in one of s'd casks one of the heads of which had to be taken out to get it again - the 4th was his. On my return halted at the store of J. Norton Jr & sold 6-1/4 lbs rags at 4" - rec'd pay in goods for thznksgiving - bo't on cr 25" worth same kind raisins, cloves & nutmegs - J.B.N. was present - D.Squires waited upon me - Bo't at Corning's 1 bott of Aromatic Snuff price 25" on cr - Dr Swift was there - Saw Eleazer Ripley who had lately ret'd fr from the Eastw'd where he had employed at rafting & boating on Conn. River. Cous. Nathan finished the grinding of his app's in the eve'g - worked at it very industriously.





TUESDAY, DEC'R 4 Dark & cloudy, rainy and muddy - very unpleasant as the weather was this season habitually - wind S.

Cider to Cous. N. Robinson closely pursued his cider concern here - by him forwarded 2 bbls said liquor to Darius Clark, which added to what he had previously rec'd made 5 bbls - Two more were transported by S.W.D. to Capt. Hills on acc't, he likewise bro't grist from Safford's mill -

J. Harwood visited Mr J. Harwood's to see respecting the shoemaking concern - P.M. the good man came on, his absence in part having been occasioned by indisposition - immediately & industriously resumed his employment. P.M. Distil'y walked to the Distillery of J. Norton Jr in order to ascertain the quantity of cider credited to H. Harwood - John was not present, being busy about his corn, a part of which remained unhusked - W. Smith was in attendance - looked over the book - told off to me & I figured it down - added it together - making 1937 G's cider - this appeared to me too high exceeding my number by 15 - we afterwards found a mistake of 102 G's which belonged to Heman Robinson - Smith made the blunder in reading it over - after this was deducted it left neighbor John 87 below me, and where to find the mistake we puzzled our brains in vain - after staying until candle lighting, departed without clearing it up. Ben Dibble was an assistant to William - informed that on Thursday, if I mistake not, he should ride to Hoosick, not far from Haynes', to get "the everlasting knot tied", as he called it - asked him if he really meant to be married, he replied seriously that he did - I told him I thought he would be sorry - he seemed however to disbelieve me. Mr John Dunahue, as he called himself, a transient, insane person, having at first view the appearance of a gent., made a call & tarried sometime - made many quotations from the Bible - pretended to be a great F. Mason - sang some songs in allusion to the fraternity, but most of his singing was of the low, bawdy cast - from the numerous quotations he made I concluded he was formerly a man of some talents & information, but by reason of intemperate habits or some other cause he was reduced to his present unhappy situation - straggling about the country from place to place without object or friend. He liked cider brandy very well - S. had to hold up & get rid of him as he could - however there was nothing vicious in his behaviour - was pretty easily persuaded away - was rather tall, well made - had many turns of civility in his manner - his head was grey - should pronounce him between 50 & 60 years of age - said his father fought for his country in the Battle of Bennington, and assisted in guarding the prisoners up out to our village - His residence I understood him to be in White Creek, N.Y. Mentioned having formerly bo't cattle in Co. with Hewett. Loads of cider came in - one from Reyn Carpenter - the other by Merri Green, who came in person. I performed the office of clerk to S. a short time, but he found me rather troublesome because while writing the name would forget the quantity of cider to be credited or brandy charged. In the course of my stay the following persons shewed themselves there - viz The Bachelor Green, Eleazer Ripley, & Levi Downs. Pursued my writing in the eve'g - Dr Swift I think they said visited Cous. Margaret - complained that she did not get along equal to his wishes. Mr Southworth visited us this evening worth. Mr Harwood commenced mending his shoes.







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WEDNESDAY, DEC'R 5 The weather at any other period we should have pronounced singular - continued sharp & cloudy, but no very freezing, rather thawy P.M. Snow powdered the trees on the most elevated points of mountains in our vicinity - wind we will say N.W.

S.H.Brown Business not very important - attended to a concern of a particular character at S.H.Browns - saw a very fine male swine there, the property of J.H.Hicks' - long body, short legs - thin hair - said to be of a fine breed. Conversed awhile with neighbor B. about his 1 h.wagg. which he pronounced made of the very best materials - having withstood two journeys to Indiana & farther to the S., and, with repairs since, still remained very good. His chaise too was a part of this dialogue - had the misfortune to be broken in a manner most unpleasant at the close of a Ball celebrated at the Brick Tavern - May 1826 - about the period of S. Dewey's quitting it, by N. Blackmer thro' whose mismanagement in part the accident occurred - the horse took fright & ran away - throwing Mr B. with the young lady whom he was gallanting home to Judge Fay's, violently onto the ground several feet from the carriage - happily no bones were broken nor any mischief done to their persons by it. The chaise was handsomely repaired afterwards at Troy.

H.W's  
shooting  
match.

Land-  
roller.

Fence  
posts.

N.Rob'n

J.Harw'd

This business disposed of, Daniels went off to attend H.Waters' Shooting Match at which were convened most of the sharpshooters of a certain age belonging to town - some were even from Hoosack. Turkeys & geese constituted the game at which they fired - H.W. felt highly elevated - it was a scene peculiarly delightful to him - he wore old Gov. Robinson's coat, as I was informed. Assisted father in getting home a certain maple log cut from the tree, off which, was procured one of our screw beams Sept 14th for making a land roller - leave having previously been obtained from Capt Heman for so doing - Butternut fence posts which had been lying about our yard promiscuously were gathered & regulatly piled - reckoned all on hand would not fall far short of 200 - Other regulations preparatory to being provided with means for withstanding the approaching & passing season were made. Cousin N.R. after having obtained from his last pressing 18 bbls whole cider - heated water, pured it into his cheese & expressed a quantity of a 2d ary quality. Reported to us that he had made since he first began the business at our mill in all 64 bbls. We were much at a loss as to a correct return of that made by ourselves - could make out but about 58. Mr Harwood continued laboriously pulling the cord of affliction.

Thanksgiv'g

J.Harw'd  
H.W.

South'h  
J.Rogers

THURSDAY, DEC'R 6 Vermont Thanksgiving - rough & very unpleas't indeed - thickly clouded over - wind driving hard from S. My pen employed me. B.Haswell & Daniels went to hearing the preaching of Mr Clark. J.Harwood occupied his seat until late P.M. fixing a pair of coarse boots for me & then went home. H.W. found himself here this evening full of jokes respecting some of his old friends. No one supped with us who did not belong to the family excepting Mr Southworth & he honored us with a visit overnight. J.Rogers visited here this eve'g - talked much of Conn't folks. Read a Chapt'r of St James & prayed with us.







FRIDAY, DEC'R 7 Mild, flying cl'ds - chilling Wind N.W., thawed - very muddy - unpleas't stirring. Borrowed Norton & Manure. Loomis' scraper with which most of the milking yard was scraped over. Father carted several loads of manure into the S. meadow while Daniels J.Harw'd & myself were thus employed. Mr Harwood resumed & held his seat until a late hour in the evening - Sent this evening to Col. M. pr Daniels, Col.Mer'l to get some money according to his engagement, but none came - I had only to reflect how netter a bird in the hand is than in the bush - Look out how you trust out your pork, butter & cider - and of what use is a promise with nothing to back it ? See Nov. 29.

SATURDAY, DEC'R 8 Chilly, gr'd hard frozen this morning, quite tedious wind S. - begzn to storm pretty smartly about 10 A.M. - hail & snow - afterwards rain, which formed ice upon everything on which it fell. Continued raining in this cold, unpleasant manner through the day & perhaps all night. Began getting out manure, but before much progress had been made in the work the storm came on which obliged us to quit it. Young John Duncan, who was returning from town informed us that as he came past our cattle, thought he discovered something to be the matter with the beef cow. On examination found her swollen much above the natural size & apparently in considerable distress - at first supposed her choked - but afterwards that was found not to be the case - Sent Daniels immediately for Dr S. & cous. N.Robinson who in spite of storm or calm generously came down & being assisted in a measure by S.W.D., butchered & handsomely dressed the creature before 7 in the evening. She was known by the name of "Long Teat and son color black, character good, although not esteemed first rate - Had not time to weigh in full - only ascertained the weight of rough tallow & hide - the former 62, the latter 73 lbs. Our old friend Mr Harwood continued very assiduously occupied on his seat until late this eve'g. Stormed so that neither he nor uncle S. nor cous. N. could leave for home. This evening a pretty regular, though not exact account'g was taken down of cider made by B.Harwood and N.Robinson - 1827 -

Oct 6	B.H.	12 bbls	Nov 8	B.H.	13 bbls	Brot up	148-17/32
13	N.R.	17	Dec 1	do	14	Deduct	
15	do	16	3	N.R.	18	N.R's part	32
24	B.H.	16	Am't bro't				116-17/32
29	N.R.	13	up		101	do sold	27
Nov 2	B.H.	14			146		89-17/32
5	do	13	Add made fr			Distillery	60-3/32
		101	Gov T's			At home	29-14/32
			cheese		2-17/32		
					148-17/32		





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SUNDAY, DEC'R 9 Low tempered atmosphere, thicj cl'ds - low fog - much falling weather - rained nearly all day - very muddy & unpleas't. B. Harwood, his eldest daughter, & young Daniels were the hearers of Rev. D.A. Clark. My occupation was reading, writing & casting up am't of goods, wares & merchandise bo't by Harwood within Amount of the last 12 months of Merchants in Bennington, Troy & Hoosick - the re-Merchant sult of which was that it cost \$215.52 - Did not undertake to find out dealing. how much was disposed of again - but suppose \$20 - leaving family expenditure in that way at \$D.195.00, which is probably not far out of th H.W. the way. H.W. called this evening - made many candid remarks on a variety of topics as usual. On Saturday - I mistake, it was on Friday that Idle a stranger of large size, appearing stout & in good health, begged his stranger. breakfast of us - it is true he offered a Y'k O/6 - but we knew that he meant the other thing - we did not learn his name nor place of residence - not very badly clothed as a laborer - wore terribly tattered shoes - we presumed too free use of strong drink reduced him to this.

MONDAY, DEC'R 10 Continued log, foggy, dark & stormy - rained a good deal mixed with hail & snow. Emerson & Ebenezer's Gleason. Gleason entered our woods with S.W.D. & followed chopping all day. After a tedious preparation drove off in the 2 h. wagg. accompanied R.Kent. by neighbor Kent. Immediately upon our being securely seated in the old coarse vehicle, began to storm, - regretted not taking our umbrella for defence against it - So much for vainly imaging it must be fair or at least not rainy after so wet a day & night as we had just passed through. Near Hick's delivered to Mr K. the team to go to Esq's A. Hubbell's, to get a grist of rye - walked up the hill - observing by the D.Rob.Jr way that D. Robinson Jr Esq had almost compleated the side-walk from his Side-walk father's to his own house and was actually engaged, raining as it was, in contiuiung it further N. Visited P. & Printing O's - Col M. excused Col. himself handsomely from not sending me money on Friday eve'g - saying Merrill. he had been disappointed about getting it - I ought to have been paid ere this & should certainly remember me - his demands upon which he was depending he stated to be good - My main reply was that it made no material difference with me as to when it was paid provided I could be sure of it - there could be no time that it could come amiss - either in payment of tax or other debts - Followed him out of the printing office into the office below where saw Mr L. Norton, W. Gould, Ed H. Swift, Haynes. W. Haswell and others - Maj'r J. Haynes had business there - pretty Wallace. well - How Fare's Ye". Mr Wallace likewise happened in & told what beys had been laid on the weight of a monstrosity fat hog reared by J. Loomis Jun butchered at the slaughter of





Heavy pork Mr Farwell, late the property of C. Bisbee - He had put it at 505 lbs - a number quite too low according to his judgment, but far beyond his opponents who, if I rightly understood him, none of them had gone so high as 400. Troubled not myself respecting this affair - Returned down to Hicks' in the rain. Mr K. had cast anchor under H's shed - all safe - he left all to me & marched away on other business. Visited Doct. H. Swift. Swift in his parlour - was introduced to J. Doolittle Esq - little Isaac Charles was present - Mr D. had been putting some questions to him as Doolittle I supposed relating to Arithmetic - the pale youth soon departed, by command of his parent, to the P.M. school - Said something to the D'r about a settlement - referred me to his brother's books in which their medical charges were jointly kept - appeared not to wish business of Dr W. Waters. this kind, so I withdrew - In front of Hicks' met Dr W. Waters with whom exchanged civilities - found him opposed to Jackson - esteemed him no better than an assassin - related an anecdote respecting the general - which clearly showed his murderous disposition. Invited the Doc'r to pay us a visit, which he engaged he would - Drove to Saff's mill in Cheese fr rain - Left grists to be ground for selves & K - left a cheese with J. Harwood Asahel to be for his father which weighed 27-1/4 lbs which at 7" would Elisha am't to \$1.91 Before getting to the mill saw Mr Elisha Lyon who said Lyon. he had no way to empty our casks, must put them into his cellar until the liquor was consumed, would then leave them at a future day with F. Blackmer & Co in good order - promised immediately to empty that which H. Norton belonged to Dr Swift & deposit it as aforesaid. At H. Norton's agreed to sell a bbl of cider payable in blacksmith work at 7/0 Y'k

Bo't of J. Norton Jun 3/4 lb cott. wick - 23" - on book. Agreed Cooper for a good open bbl, or whatever you may call it, to pack pork in for More. our own use - to be well made by Mr More - to be finished by next day T. Crawford. P.M. - to be paid cash down \$1.00 - Tom Crawford was there waiting for some work belonging to Jon. Pratt - Jon. soon himself came in mentioning that many pints had been laid upon the weight of his hogs which they were butchering this day. Somebody was employed in hooping casks besides Mr M. On my way home picked up one of Mr Robinson's boys who Robinson boy. when arrived at Dr S's drove home my horses while I staid to settle Dr N. acc'ts with the Dr - this however was but partially gone into - lent me Swift. a parcel of N. Y. papers - Ed. H. arrived from town - No Congress news visit to on account of a blunder in the transmission of the mails - Doct. Swift cous. M. accomp'd me home - p'd a visit to cousin M.

Gleasons TUESDAY, DEC'R 11 Tolerably fair - flying cl'ds - w'd S. thawy. Our axe men labored until about 2 P.M. - dined and departed for home.





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preparatory to attending Singing School in Algiers. B.H. & son were employed in fixing an old cider hhd for storing cider, hooped & filled it with water, but she would not be tight after all. Finished weighing beef. beef & bro't it from the barn - the cow weighed 693 lbs - not quite to the computation of Dr S. who said she would come up to 700 - Daniels Even'g - Sch in the evening conveyed Adeline to an evening Arithmetrical School Cider to & 33 gals cider to J. Norton's distillery - Saw Ben Dibble whose know J.N. Jr was not yet tied - and Mr L. Park who wanted 4 bbls cider for which offered several ways (for) or modes of payment all equally unavailing Dr Swift from a person of his character - Lent to Dr N. Swift 1 bhl coarse salt borrows. for his man Mr Mooney who staid some time telling how sharp he was in Moony. trading at Troy & Albany.

WED'Y (TUESDAY) DEC'R 12 Snow flew this morning & again about noon, but amounted to no more than white ashes - air

H.Norton pretty sharp - wind N.W, - flying cl'ds. Conveyed 1 bbl cider to H. B.Squires Morton, Algiers & cow hide to B.Squires' - 73 lbs at 5", \$3.65 short cred't - visited the mill with grist of buckwheat - bro't away 1 of rye for selves & Mr Kent - stepped into J.N.Jr's - did no business there - J.N.Nort. Saw uncle G. Godfrey, H.Clark, J.Ballard, John & Son, Crawford & others store Rec'd & paid for an open cask for packing meat, to Mr Mores one dollar. Previous to going to A. business called me to the P.O. Saw D. Cash p'd Clark, Col. M.,W. Haswell, gen Robinson & others - Rec'd a letter from Mores Letter E. W. Carrington dated N. Haven, Conn., Nov 30th., 1827 - was in health from E W attending Medical Lectures there - expected next Spring to come out an Carrington M.D. - had resided the Summer past in Litchfield and there became acquainted with Josiah Stone, my wife's brother, whom he represented as doing much better of late than he had done - Requested me to enquire respecting some demands of his in the hands of W. Haswell, amounting to \$28. - I did so - he said they were against good men - had asked them Carrington. to pay, but they had requested to be indulged a little longer to allow time for selling something to raise the money. C. stated that he had written Mr H. twice on the subject and rec'd no answer - Mr H. acknowledged the receipt of s'd letters to which he wrote replies - supposed they did not reach our friend on account of his change of residence - engaged to see the men & hasten the collection of said demands if I Wood to rightly understood him. Sylvanus conveyed to the School house & nearly School- compleated chopping up a load of wood - also a hhd, 119 Gal's, cider to house. Cider to J. N. J's Distillery - Uncle Sam cut up beef. Distill'y





D.Clark When returning from the E.Village was obliged to go up to the P.O. to get a blank acc't book which I had bo't of D. Clark on Cr., price  
 U.M.Rob. 62-1/2" and so called a mom't at cous. U. M. Robinson's - paid him a  
 NRobin'n Y'k 6/0 bond - saw U.M.Robinson thefe - cous. U.M. said his brother N.  
 had gone to Troy with the mail on horseback - started that evening. Ha  
 Cash paid Had heard that Sam J'rs wife was ill with a fever. This evening Mr J.  
 J.Harw'd Harwood bro't his shoemaking job to a close at this house - made a  
 partial settlement and paid him \$5.89 in money - his present bill  
 amounted to \$6.01 - of this sum 3/0 Y'k was for mending shoes for our  
 friend Southworth & for Tho's Kent.

THURSDAY (WEDNESDAY) Tolerably fair, flying cl'ds & chilling wind  
 Dr N. DEC'R 13 from the S. This morning went to Dr Swift's  
 Swift. to obtain the D'rs aid for mother who had suf-  
 fered much during the night. He accordingly came, administered an  
 emetic &c which produced relief - likewise paid cous. Margaret a visit.  
 Youn Ed., as he sat reading his pap'r remarked that Congress or rather  
 the H. of R., had chosen a Jackson Speak'r, Mr A. Stevenson, of Virgin-  
 is, he seemed to think more favorably of Jackson, as I conceived from  
 Gleasons his manner of conversation, than his father. Emerson Gleason & his  
 chop. brother Lawson were employed in chopping for us in the woods - perform  
 ed well - The Saw bo't of S. Loomis last spring & one of her pigs  
 Last which had been fattening a few weeks, were this day butchered and dress  
 butcher- ed, principally by our uncle S. Robinson - Sylvanus had the pleasure of  
 ing. cutting the pig's throat - handsomely it was said. Daniels went down  
 S.Robin'n in the evening to carry Uncle S., along with a foreq'r of beef to his  
 residence - Returned accomp'd by cousin Ed who came up to assist in  
 getting along their oxen which we engaged to snake out wood for a few  
 days. Our good relative, previous to going home as stated, above, cut  
 up the pork in his usual fine style - And let me say here, that the S.  
 weighed Lbs 281 - the pig Lbs ~~187~~ 149 - total lbs 430 - add this to lbs  
 786, and it gives in full pork, 1827, Lbs 1216. Besides kept for our  
 own use 417 lbs beef - making a total of 133 lbs - See Jour'l Nov. 20th  
 1826 - likewise Dec'r 13.  
 C.Harwood Arrived this P.M. from Stamford, Vt., our uncle Clark Harwood where  
 he had spent about 7 weeks making sashes & otherwise working at his  
 trade for H. Waters & D. Ruttenbur on a meeting house built by them at  
that place.

FRIDAY, (THURSDAY) Flying clouds, strong wind from S. - warm and  
 DEC'R 14 muddy P.M. All hands, and none besides those  
 Hauling of this house, employed in hauling wood off  
 wood. the hill W. of the old limekiln of 1796, where it had been chopped  
 lately - rolling it down to a proper position for getting to it with  
 sleds or sleighs.

Saw Capt Heman Robinson as we were coming home at night.





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Capt H.  
Robinson

spoke with him respecting the timber procured in his father's woods for repairs of cider mill & press - told him if her were willing - would ~~se~~ say even as it regarded the use of said mill by him - to which he assent ed, saying it was much more than he expected - for he concluded he should be obliged to pay something besides. (See Nov.28th).

Candles.

This evening Lydia & S. compleated dipping 531 candles.

Southworth

Mr Southworth made a momentary halt returning on horseback from town to R. Carpenter's - hastily collected some provisions, ready cooked, from which he gleaned a scanty meal - conversed awhile and was off. Dr N. Swift visited mother & Margaret.

SATURDAY, DEC'R 15 Rained much during the night and continued pouring considerably until past 2 P.M. before which the wind had hauled round to N. or N.W., very extremely deep muddy traveling - it was pretty warm previous to the change of the direction of the wind - grew cold fast after that -

Wood.

Father & D. visited therwoods without heeding rain or shine, getting down wood.

On Friday evening received a three dollar bill on the Hartford, Phoenix, Bank, payable if I mistake not, at Litchfield - No.4683 from Counter- our neighbor & friend Samuel Loomis, by way of the school children with feit moneyin formation that it was a bad bill, and that it was the same which I paid him on the 4th of Nov'r last. The bill I could not identify, but so much as this I would aver that I rec'd such a bill on the eve'g of Nov'r 3rd with others forming a sum of ten dollars, from the hand of Capt David Robinson Jun'r, which according to my usual practice, placed in my cash book by itself - that is, the said bill with others comprising the sum aforesaid, was kept separate from other money, & I had but little else - say 5 or 6 doll's - and no other bill of the same amount. Out of this parcel on Subday the 4th of the same month paid Mr Loomis three dollars, near the close of the day, Mr Southworth being with me. I had no suspicion of the genuineness of the thing, but inadvertently, or any other name you may choose to put to the action, informed Mr L. of having rec'd it of D. Robinson Jrand to be a little more particular about it, stepped towards the window to ascertain the No., but not taking the precaution to note it down, it escaped my recollection.

With this thing in my pocket walked through thick and thin to town, doubting all the way how I should come out in this business. But let me finish the history of said bill while it was absent from me. By Mr L's people it was paid to Mr F. Childs who had the wisdom to en-





ter ~~Mr~~ the initials of Mr L's name & the date on the back of it - thus "S.L., Nov.27 1827". Mr C. took it with him to Troy & Albany within a short period of the rec't of it - where it was condemned altogether -so after his return - sent it back to Mr L. & he at last to me.

John  
Wright.

On first arriving at U.M. Robinson's, saw John Wright of Pownal, wh who in 1812 was with me in Col. Martindale's Reg't at Burlington, Plattsburgh, &c. - to which, after making himself known to me, he made some unpleas't allusion, by telling my friend S. H. Blackmer, with whom he was conversing, that I bore the appellation of the "Lonesome Fifer" - "that I used to get by myself on some old log & play some most solemn airs" -

Entered the Post Office - Col M., Isham & a number more were there - at length Capt David came in from above stairs to whom I exhibited the bill, requesting his opinion as to its character - he stepped to the street door accompanied by Col M. & after carefully examining gave it me, saying it was his opinion that it was bad. I then told him I supposed I received that of him, asking him if he recollected of ever seeing it before - he did not, nor did he believe he should take one of such a character. I then related over the circumstances above written, to which in substance he at first replied that if Mr Childs & Mr Loomis would swear so & so, he would take it back - but finally he said if I would go to Mr Loomis and he would upon his honor say that he received that bill of me, no swearing would be required - he would do honorably by me. Before leaving the hill visited Mr Childs who substantiated what is mentioned above - My next business was to see friend Loomis which was effected so as to get home & dine before dark. Mr L. stated that the bill had remained with him until the time of its being paid to Mr C. - related circumstances respecting it so fairly and faitly as to obviate every doubt - indeed so confident was he that that was the identical bill which he rec'd from me that he should have no hesitation in saying or even swearing it to be so.

As it began to be dark rode off in the 1 h. wagg. - At DrS's rec'd Dr N. as passenger - he went up to visit Mrs Young, the wife of E. Y. of Albany - now at M. L. Selden's - her husband remaining in the city.

At the P.Office Capt. D. Robinson Jr honorably paid me good money for that which has occasioned me to write so much at this time.

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H. Hall

In the course of the day saw & asked our good friend H. Hall, who said he had actually mistaken this for the 14th of the month, if he were prepared for me - he said he was not, but offered, if I said so, to obtain the money for me - I urged my necessity - stating that it was highly necessary that I should have my pay, but if his friend S. H. Blackmer would meet me according to promise, would indulge him one week longer - he said if I came to him any time next week, and should say I must have it, he would pay without fail.

D. Clark  
spelling  
book.

Bo't at D. Clark's on acc't one copy Marshall's Spelling book - price 20 cents - done this eve'g. - Called at Selden's for Dr S., who rode with me to Corning's where I rec'd 2 lbs wheaten crackers at 10 cts pr lb on cr.

Dr Swift

Called at (F) S. H. Blackmer's to transact business - Dr Swift departed for home - waited a short time for Mr B. to saw open a hog

S.H. Black-which he had purchased of Hiram Harwood my namesake, and also for him mer pays to go to his brother's to prepare his money - during which young Arm- in full. strong, one of our friend David's sons, cut likenesses of a circus horse & rider & an elephant with a pair of scissors out of paper. I Armstrong intended to bring them home, but forgot it.

At length Mr B. arrived & paid me on note \$14.50 & \$1.50 for a cheese that weighed 23 lbs deliv'd Aug. 16 out of which was reckoned 5 lbs loss on acc't of skippers - receipted pay for said article - total am't rec'd \$16.00.

N. Duncan.

Gave Nelson Duncan at the office of D. Clark an order on the store Order on of J. N. Norton Jr of two dollars.

J.N. Jr

Cousin Stephen Harwood rec'd this day his full complement of 20

S. Harwood lbs butter - \$3.33.

Pres.

Borrowed N.Y. Spect. Dec'r 7 & 11 of Dr N. Swift the evening read'g the Pres. Message & other articles.

Message.

Perhaps ought to have mentioned seeing U. Edgerton Esq at the Post Office during the day - also Mr Kelly & J. S. Robinson in the evening - item.

SUNDAY, DEC'R 16 Tolerably cold & pleasant - mud frozen up - streams high - wind N.W. Father represented the family at

Stage.

church - Mr C. preached hard against the Stage - a company of players being expected to perform here in the course of the week - I was closely engaged writing the history of a three dollar bank note & other

C. Harwood

affairs - Uncle C. visited us late in the day, carrying away a few articles of clothing belonging to him.

H. W.

H.W. also appeared in the eve'g with his pockets well lined, as we say, not less than with \$114.

Sylvanus in the evening waited upon uncle S. Robinson's oxen home - had used them but one day.





MONDAY, DEC'R 17 Surface of the earth firmly frozen, chilly & thickly clouded over, - expected & actually saw a storm in the evening - and it was the commencement of a snow-storm.

Snow. We improved the day in carting manure into the meadow, collected some

Manure. days previous with the scraper. Dr N. Swift paid Margaret, & I supposed

Dr Swift. mother, another visit. S.W.Daniels commenced going to school to Mr

S.W.D. Southworth for the season. Forwarded to S. Loomis, pr daughter, 3 dollars in full, on Rutland Bank, rec'd from S.H.Blackmer. Omitted mentioning that on the 24th Nov. sent Mr Loomis two dollars tow'd debt pr

S.Loomis S. W. Daniels.

TUESDAY, DEC'R 18 Ground covered with a thin coat of snow & some hail seemed rather to fall from the S. - some stormy - low cl'ds & fog on the mountains. Business not important. P.M. conveyed the last half bhl of wheat grown on the farm to Safford's mill

Wheat. & had it ground without bolting - carried to Mr Rockwood 3 bhls flaxseed for which he agreed to pay \$3. in money as soon as he should return from Troy - saw John Harbour selling a load of slabs - he wanted to bargain to me a load of coals - I was unprepared at present to buy - Returned by way of the mill and received a grinding of buckwh't.

Rockwood. A. Harwood shewed me a cow which he would sell - supposed her worth thirty dollars - wanted to put her away because she would not mess.

A.Harwood. At the store of J.B.Norton Jr bo't & paid for 10 lbs wheaten flour 40 cents. Saw & spoke with Mrs L. Squire. A Norton came there to get money changed, but could not effect his purpose. Spoke with J.B.N. respecting C. Brown's school demand which he engaged should be promptly attended to at his first call.

J.Nort.Jr

Was informed that the Theatre was to open at the Court House this eve'g.

Arrived here about dark - Read Cyclopoedia this night - Article

Lumber Croisades. By J. Harbour forwarded to C. Lyon, Woodford, a bill of order. lumber - 560 feet spruce boards free from shakes & knots such as he might deem worth \$1. pr hund. - length 18 feet - breadth twenty inches, also 500 feet half inch hemlock pretty clear stuff - as to pay would consult him in person - at any rate on receipt of the stuff would give my note payable 1st of Nov. 1828 - would wish them sawed immediately - at all events by the 20th of March - Some particulars in the bill not mentioned here. See Jan'y 3rd., 1828.





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WEDNESDAY, DEC'R 19 Chilly sound winter weather, flying cl'ds, wind N.W  
Arose pretty early & spent some time in writing & figuring up amount of articles of produce sold &c. Main business was getting out manure - which being compleated - friend Brown's cart was taken home - Father's health was rather poor - Received a visit from C.Harw'd uncle Clark for whom engaged to carry to Algiers several articles in Gleason. his line which remained with us. Mr Gleason & son Emerson called upon us - reckoned labor performed lately at chopping worth \$2.50 - would work for us again when convenient. S.W.Daniels said he should attend Mr S's school of Arithmetic this evening. I gave some of the pages of the Cyclopoedia a slight perusal.

THURSDAY, DEC'R 20 Cloudy with signs of storm - chilly moderate weather for the season. The A.M. employed in rigging the old wood sleigh ready for service - all the one we possessed fit for service, had other runners, but there was a want of proper shoeing. P.M. conveyed to uncle C. Harwood his work bench, vise, screws, timber, H.Clark. sashes &c. At J.Norton Jr's store rec'd the company of Horatio Clark who rode & conversed with me as far as F.Blackmer & Co's - visited the P. Office & got the Gazette of the 18th in which was the ludicrous sharp H.Waters shooting Advertisement of L. Gulliver & H. Waters - notifying that on the 24th inst., a shooting match would be held near Hicks' Tavern.

Saw friend Eldad Dewey & Mr Kellogg - afterwards J.Hubbell Esq - Corning called as I was returning homeward at Corning & Co & bo't on acc't & Co. 1-3/4 oz ppermints & 1-1/2 yds s. braid - former 17" - the latter 6 cents - likewise received the cloth for pantaloons cut pr T. Hendryx.

Mr Manchester rode home with me - Mr Robinson's girls likewise did from beyond Andrews'. Returned to their people borrowed flour & bags. In the eve'g friend Southworth, Daniels & our daughter Adeline visited Theatre. the Theatre, where they saw performed & were highly entertained too - "The Lady of the Lake" - & "Miss in her 'Teens".

Dr Swift this morning visited Mother & Margaret - borrowed our hay knife. Had Cyclopoedia over the coals again - principle articles, Cutlery & Currents in the Sea. Say I rode out in the big. wagg.

FRIDAY, DEC'R 21 Cloudy, sharp air, wind say N. Fair. The great ox sled was prepared & repaired which with the young Mr K. oxen Mr K. & son Thom's used in conveying hay from their house down to the old Chatfield Bark House. We began to prepare for the erection of a





Cider-mill. shantee over the cider mill frame & cistern or vat, as you please, but the weather proving rather too keen for us, & not being exactly furnished with a plan, postponed the further prosecution of s'd scheme to another day. A quantity of beans were gathered on the 20th in the garden. Some green wood was chopped &c - Cattle looked after & other barn concerns taken care of. Settled with Nelson Duncan for 14 days service on the farm - commencing November 13th & ending on the 29th of said month, for which had received in goods & orders \$3.31 - now p'd him in full fifty cents cash - exceeding by a fraction his demand at the rate of \$7.00 pr month. Also paid him in trust for his mother fifty cents for making 1 pair pantaloons. Friend South'h who now boarded with us, along with Daniels again visited the Theatre - saw acted "The Mountaineer's" - A Tragedy - & "The Wag of Windsor" - a laughable Farce - with the former S. was most pleased, with the latter he was far from displeased, but of the two it suited S.W. by far the best. Cyclopoedia once more - chief article "Demoniac"

SATURDAY, DEC'R 22 Snug, freezing, & tolerably pleas't, w'd N. or N.W. The shantee was finally finished, about which we were employed until about 2 P.M. - Other business not important enough to be mentioned - The consumption of fuel was sensibly noticed - In the evening looked over old records - Sept. 28th., 1822 - May 5th 1818 - Songs by A. Haswell & A. Selden, more than twenty years since. Latter part of the evening heard Mr S. read the closing part of Article Daemonic - very entertaining, curious subject & worth the perusal of the curious.

Bur. Let me record that our friend Burrel Green who some years since Green. was married to Laura, the youngest child of Mr F. & Mrs E. Jewett of Bennington, suddenly eloped from bed & board on the 12th inst., having previously as we are informed made over his real and other property to his father. His residence was at the old Reynolds Place, first house on the main road, Pownal.

SUNDAY, DEC'R 23 Very handsome and cold, wind N. Father & Mr S. went to Church - were kept late there. My emp't was much as usual - not so great a task at writing - attended to reading more.

Dr Swift Dr N. Swift in the eve'g visited mother & Margaret - said there Turks had been a great sea action between the English & Turks, in which the defeated. latter were most signally defeated. H.W. appeared





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MONDAY, DEC'R 24 Chilly S. wind - some snow flying - a thaw was looked for, accompanied by rain, but at night wind hauled about to the N. - calm - mountains clothed in fog. Several loads of butternut wood were drawn from near the head of the Upper C. Harwood Brook. Uncle C. Harwood called upon us - requested his stove bro't to him from Waters' shop which accordingly was performed by Sylvanus who by my verbal order got 20 lbs wheaten flour at the store of J. Norton C. H. Jr on acc't.

Theatre. This evening after much indecision, hesitation and any other appellation you wish to bestow on such kind of conduct - walked with our friend Soughworth to court house hill, entered the bar-room of U. M. Robinson - saw cousin Nathan who talked of going to Troy be fore long - With some eagerness obtained a Theatrical Ticket & joined the crowd at the Theatre alias Court House - where saw performed the Tragedy of Othello in pretty interesting style, but less entertaining to me on account of being a stranger to the beauties of Shakespeare. In the course of the performance noticed many sentences which I had seen borrowed from the great English Poet by writers of school books. The audience seemed very highly pleased and after the termination of the Play - a short recess having been allowed - a smart little piece in rhyme was rehearsed by Mr Gilbert on "Woman" - comparing her to many ludicrous things which so took with the audience that they roared applause repeatedly and made a stout request for it the 2d time - but it was not granted. They then closed with "Is he Jealous?" - a very sentimental gay little thing - the greatest fault that I could find with it was its brevity - Justice was done it I believe in every point. One of the pieces announced for the succeeding night's performance was Goldsmith's "She Stoops Conquer". It could not be said that anything indecent or immodest appeared on the Stage this evening - Sae there Capt. D. Robinson Jr., P. & S. Dewey, Capt. C. Hills, Jac Brooks, Nath'n Weeks, S'ept Walbridge, N. D. Faxon, N. J. Norton, Col G. Blackmer, Frank Wickwire, or the same who boarded here last May, Abel Wills, Rexford Wittum &c &c &c. Perhaps a few remarks may be added on some future day.





TUESDAY, DEC'R 25                      Continued calm & cloudy - trees on the mountains appeared to be coated over with snow - grew cold fast at the conclusion of the day. The sled underwent some slight repairs - three loads of beech wood were drawn from the hither p't of the wood lot. Mother saw a very sick day - sent Sylvanus early in the evening to get the assistance of Dr N. Swift, to borrow his N. Y. papers and such part of the works of Shakespeare of Mr Bliss as contained the Tragedy of Othello - the answer was that he had not got it.

Wood                      The papers announced the overthrow of the Turkish & Egyptian Naval Force by that of the English, French & Russian on Oct. the 20th.

Dr N.                      Dr Swift came down the latter part of the evening - talked of

Swift.                      Foreign News & Politics some.

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Action.                      Dr Swift came down the latter part of the evening - talked of

Foreign News & Politics some.

WEDNESDAY, DEC'R 26 Dry & severe, cloudy & hazy - w'd N. Busy chiefly at fixing mangers in the cow stable. Lost my hand saw, which was a borrowed one, in queer manner - had to get my dear good lady to assist in hunting it up - it was soon discovered in a safe place where I had placed it, & afterwards forgetting, as is often the case with me, entirely what had been done with it. Father had the headache all day - Mother was confined to her bed - cows. Margaret seemed to be slowly advancing on the road to health.

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Harwood.                      seemed to be slowly advancing on the road to health.

Treas'y                      Read some of Sec'y Rush's Treasury Report - a very correct and

Report.                      intelligent document, pointing out to us the exact state of the National Finances up to the present period. It appears that the actual debt of the U. S. does not much exceed 60 millions; that within three years 16 millions of the Principal has been paid off. About 19 millions of the Public Debt is in the hands of Foreigners.

The Cyclopoedia was perused also - Articles, Cyrus, in Biog - & Death in Physiology - Left S. reading when I went to bed.

THURSDAY, DEC'R 27 Snowy & tedious from the S.- became much more mild at night, when it commenced raining.

Rye                      Threshing was constituted the main employm't of B. Harwood & Son.

B.Street                      Sylvanus made an unsuccessful journey to Algiers to obtain the person of Miss B. Street & to agree for oxen to be shod at J. Norton & Sons - the former being at Mr Dexter's - could not come to our house until next day - the latter too much out of health to enjoy engage so much business.

The eve'g was devoted principally by Southworth & S.W. & Adeline to writing.

Cash paid                      Reading papers & Cyclopoedia kept me tolerably busy.

Chandler. Nov. 29th.                      P'r Daniels this morning paid & took up a note of \$6.00 given





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FRIDAY, DEC'R 28 Unpleasant in the extreme - rained and snowed alternately most of the time until a late hour in the day - chiefly from the S. Employed as on the 27th

S.W.D. Sylvanus took up 60" worth goods at Corning's chiefly for his own personal use and waited upon our friend Miss B. Street home, who commenced making his dandy coat.

Young Hopkins on account of bad weather was kept at home.

Our evening amusement was much as usual - reading & hearing read the Cyclopoedia - Articles  $\frac{3}{4}$  "Cycle", "Curtis" &c.

SATURDAY, DEC'R 29 Frozen, cloudy, rough & icy. Wind N. By assistance from Daniels, there being no school under

Rye. friend S., completed threshing rye the present year - 460 sheaves as we counted yielded less than 18 bushels.

Dr Swift. Dr Swift visited the sick of this family and was anxious respecting the academy meeting warned this P.M. at 2 o'clock.

Academy Meeting. During the first week in which the Theatrical Corps performed at the Court house, Mr Ballard, Principal of the Academy, had turned out several of his scholars, the children of D. Clark, L. Patchin, H. Robinson, O. C. Merrill and others perhaps for attending these beyond the time prescribed by him - this highly enkindled their wrath - I think too it was a stretch of power and, as it regarded the feelings of Mr B's employers - a most imprudent measure - therefore a meeting of proprietors was called in order to appoint a superintending Committee.

It was the opinion of the D'r that at this time for the sake of peace, it would be politic not to bring the question to a decision but to adjourn the meeting to a day so distant as to give time for reflection - that the excitement now felt might be allayed.

This proposition suited me, understanding as I did the excellence of Mr B. as a teacher - that it was better for public good to overlook some mistakes & let him go on as heretofore. About half past 3 P.M. the meeting convened & organized - Wm Henry in the chair - some speeches, of no great length, on the question of adjournment followed which was decided in the negative by a heavy majority - it was almost the only one whereon I deemed it necessary to act. Mr Hall, the clerk, read over the Proprietors names - they then principally by ballot proceeded to the choice of the superintending committee which at first consisted of (L) Heman Robinson, Lyman Patchin, Hiland Hall, Noadiah Swift & John Norton J'r, but the D'r having witnessed





hostility & party feeling in the manner of his appointment, & viewing it a hopeless case in the way of restoring harmony & unity to the institution, in spite of the most earnest entreaties of D. Robinson Jr., 2nd'd by his venerable father, utterly refused serving - and in his stead was chosen W. Haswell Esq'r who also at first declined the favor, but at last accepted. After passing a resolution that said committee should hold their office during 1 year, the meeting adjourned without day. The meeting was pretty fully attended and there were those who considered me almost beside myself because I did not go into all the warmth of their feelings on the subject - particularly my old friends Saff'd R. & O. W. M. - but in reality they would have found on examination that I had not departed from good principles, but they themselves were a little too much wrought upon by present excitement. I have seen Boroughmites in trouble before, and they lived thro' it all.

Visited the Post Office - looked for the 10th V. of Shakespeare - could not find it - saw other books - bo't 1 quire writing paper - came on my way home to Dr N. Swift's - called in to get the N.Y.S. giving particulars of the great Naval Action in Greece - but it was lent to Mr B.

E.H.Swift      Ed Swift wanted I should return the vol. of the Encycl'a which I had promised to do it on the morrow - talked about Daemow, Devils, Brooks.      and Apparitions - Mr Brooks was present.

Arrived here sometime after dark - Enjoyed the latter part of the evening with Mr Southworth, hearing him read Cyclopoedia - Art. Daemon

S.Loomis      Some particulars of this day must be subjoined - Received from M. S. Loomis, before leaving the academy, 12-1/2 cts towards tar - 1 qt Cash pd      being due him. Paid by request an account of 60 cents against my young for Damia      est sister in full - 34 of which was to apply on cous. Margaret's ac- to F.B.&      count against me - Co.

I will now to proceed to insert such names as I can recollect of persons composing the meeting held at the academy, viz: W. Henry, N. Swift, D. Robinson, D. Robinson Jr., L.Patchin, W. Haswell, D.Clark, P. & S. Dewey, L. & J. Norton Jr., James Hicks Sen., O. C. Merrill, H. Hall, S. H. Blackmer, Perez Harwood, S. Loomis, Ira Armstrong, E. Fillmore, S. Scott, E. Rudd, U.M.Rob., J. T. Rob.,      Starrin, Richard Carpenter, H. Robinson (Capt), E. Waters, H. Wallace &c.

Rev. D.A.      SUNDAY, DEC'R 30      Steady solid winter weather - tolerably fair , particularly at midday when it was also pretty mild - Clark,      wind N. Father & Lydia went to hear Mr D.A.Clark - returned with an Minister.      account of his having given all the principal Deists, noted authors or other great men of that persuasion, a terrible trimming, in which poor Bonaparte had to suffer his full share - all right enough too, as we may suppose.

About the close of the day rode with my little boy in the cutter to Dr N. Swift's - Returned Vol. 11 of R's Cyclopoedia.





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and borrowed the 29th., as also the N.Y. Spect'r of Dec'r 22d wherein, after getting home, read to my father the official account of the Naval action at Navarino, Oct. 20th. The description is grand & animating. Ed. & Semantha rode abroad in a cutter as I left. Friend S. amused himself substantially with Rees this evening.

Settlm't  
with L.  
Norton &  
Co.

Brandy.

MONDAY, DEC'R 31 Cloudy & mild - good wholesome winter weather - win S. until past noon - appeared to be north afterwards. Threshing oats employed my father, while I was engaged in making settlement at Norton's & looking after my brandy concerns. Having finished settling in full with friend Luman, from which it appeared that I was indebted to him & the late Co., \$4.06 which was balanced by cider at the distillery at 75" per bbl - dined with him & his family - he appeared to have a new hand at the wheel instead of young Thayer with whom I had contracted some acquaintance. Proceeded to the distillery, and assisted by W. Smith took in a cask containing 36-1/2 gall's c. brandy which he had pumped out of a hhd there - came home with the same & by means of a spout very safely conducted it into our brandy hhd., without waste or much trouble.

Settlement  
with J.N.  
Jr

Brandy.

In the evening conveyed Adeline to Mr Winship's & Sylvanus as well as Mr Southworth to the school house to attend arithmetrical studies. Rode to J. Norton Jr's where a fair settlement respecting cider was made in full, but to do it satisfactorily reference was had to my Journal in Oct. & Nov. past up to the 3d or 5th of the latter month. Our concerns were all concluded up to this date & the final result was his giving me an obligation on demand for 69 gall's & 3 qts brandy - endorsed on it one pint in consequence of finding a mistake in previous reckoning to that amount.

W Green.

Just before coming away Mr Willard Green came in and settled a small cider & brandy account - J. accompanied him & his boy to the distillery to get the brandy for him in order to balance the same - When I was going early in the even'g to my friend's called at the distillery to leave the cask above mentioned - saw S. Pratt Jr getting brandy in a jug - said he should probably have a good cow to dispose of next spring - would inform me of it by coming over to see me - Friend W.S. accomp'd me to the house. John Jun had been busy assisting as commissioner in the adjustment of the estate of the late Jeremy Eldred, Pownal.

Southw'h

S. W. Daniels visited his father's on the 30th.

Friend Southworth quitted boarding with us after this morning.





For my own satisfaction let me state business respecting my dealing at Norton's a little more explicit.

Quantity of cider delivered at the Distillery 64 bbls 26 gallons out of which was deducted about 4 bbls & rather over half of another to balance acc't - at the rate of 75" per bbl making the am't sold up to the 15th of Dec'r 1827 - 31-2/3d bbls

TUESDAY, (DEC'R) Cloudy - rather thawy, some chilly, but moderate,  
JAN'Y 1 wind S. Assisted at threshing oats, my father be-  
Mrs Parsons 1828 ing the person with whom I labored. Mrs Parsons  
accomp'd by her son Henry came in a cutter from  
Hoosack Falls - H. had with him his pocket pistol manufactured with his  
Henry own hands, percussion lock & all - this little curiosity was discharged  
Parsons. several times for amusement - myself & Hopkins had a hand in it too.  
Lent fanning mill to Dr S's Mooney - Mrs P. and Henry returning by way  
of the Atwood road from Algiers had the misfortune to break down their  
cutter - borrowed Capt N's to get home with - H. then took our horses  
and sleigh to pick up the wreck - returning Capt N's at the same time.  
Just as friend Southworth & myself were about to depart up street,  
Company a power of company came in from Capt Waters' attended by one solitary  
beau only - F. Walbridge - Spent the eve'g principally at Dr N. Swift's  
Third P't reading to Monney pieces in Webster's Third Part, 1799 - and Bingham's  
American Preceptor. The "Grateful Turk" is an excellent story.  
Intended to settle acc'ts with the Dr but he was not at home -  
E. H. was absent until a few moments before I left; come home accompan-  
ied by friend S. who had been up to the P. Office.  
G. Robinson There was music & dancing at Mr G. Robinson's this evening - B.  
Hand Jr Musician.  
Continued reading after getting home.  
Miss B. Street continued, finished making S.W. Daniels' Dandy coat.  
Street.

WEDNESDAY, JAN'Y 2 Past 10 A.M. commenced raining & continued so more  
or less until evening. I went early to town to get  
the Dutch mare 2nd shod - tried at Chandler's - Samuel gone, could not  
Capt M S be done - had the job performed at Col M. Norton's by Capt M.S. - made  
Norton. 1 new shoe - fixed the others - charged 61". Hiram Scott was there  
H. Scott. tinkering with a neckyoke. At D. Clark's this morning bo't two copies  
Bentley's of Bentley's Amer. Instructor, 1827, for 75 cts - endorsed on note -  
Instruct' had I taken them on acc't would have been 88".  
Clark. D.C. was preparing to go on a collecting trip N. Saw Mrs Street  
J. Hicks. at John Hicks' employed at nursing. Tried to balance acc'ts with  
friend J., but he was not quite prepared - according to our recollec-  
Hoosac tion they were nearly so - See Nov 24 - Returned here & assisted in  
expedi'n fixing off Mrs Parsons, Sally Harw'd & S.W. Daniels to Hoosack in an  
old wood lumber sleigh - took the wreck & 6 or 7 bbls potatoes produced  
on the old place with them.  
Brandy. Got home brandy in full from the Distillery.





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With what remained of the old it more than filled a 120 g. hhd. In the even'g butchered a dying steer about 3 years old.

The Hoosack Expedition made a safe arrival - reported all well.

Miss B. Street Miss B. Street was gallanted to Mr S. Loomis' this morning.

Father continued threshing oats. Left my brandy obligation with J.F. Winship requesting him to deliver it up to J. Norton Jr the first opportunity - forgot it when at the distillery - Saw there Mrs Case & daughter - also Mr Green the hired man of our friend Miss Eunice Jewett. Friend S. here this eve'g, reading &c.

H. Parsons Cous. H. Parsons went home on Tuesday eve'g on horse back, all safe

Brandy. We might venture to estimate the quantity of brandy on hand at about 133 gall's of which about 106 was the produce of 1827.

THURSDAY, JAN'Y 3 Moderate, mild, cloudy & muddy, became cold in the evening & froze the surface solid. Threshing oats was continued by my father. The carcass above mentioned was skinned this morning by S.W. and me and after due preparation the wagg. being launched proceeded with the hide which weighed 32-3/4 lbs & J.N.J.'s casks, which were returned to the distillery, accompanied by Sylvanus B. Squires to the school house, to Algiers - left hide at B. Squires' - rec'd from him tow'd cow hide \$2. Bratt. money which left him indebted to me \$3.28 for which rec'd his note on demand - Saw & spoke with J. Rogers - also S. Harw'd Stephen Harwood who came there to settle an account - invited him to come & settle in full with me - promised he would - Transacted business with uncle C. Harwood in his shop at E. Chase Jr's - rec'd the hand & wood saws handled & filed - price 58 cents - he mentioned a lumber bargain with Hathaway for two thous'd feet boards which I could have, but I chose to consider on it for a few days.

Elisha Got into my wagg. & concluded to visit E. Lyons, Woodford.

Lyon. In New Guinea took in a boy passenger son of John Harbour of said town - met Mr L. on horseback a little this side the first Furnace Bridge - assured me of the safety of Dr Swift's cask - said my lumber would be ready for me at any time after a week from Saturday next - agreed for the spruce to be 18 feet long & 1-1/2 wide - to receive two stocks of it which should be worth the price mentioned in my bill - extended my bargain from 500 to 1000 feet hemlock - all to be paid in

Cash recd cash next fall - turned round and on my way homeward called at Mr per Rockwood's & rec'd in full for 3 bhls flaxseed \$3.00 in a five dollar Rockwood Troy, E. Warren, B's note No. 1411 - gave him in exchange that which I rec'd of B. Squires.





Southw'h Made a safe return by about sunset. Mr Southworth went this eve'g to visit his friend R. Carpenter to ascertain the cause of his taking some of his children out of our school. My expedition was performed this P. M. in the 2 h. wagg. - the surface was extremely soft & splashy -  
R.Carpenter. Mr S. said after seeing Mr C. left him apparently satisfied as to his management - so expected he would resume sending his children this way.

FRIDAY, (DEC'R) Warm & a part of the time very pleas't - wind S. -  
Snow. JAN'Y 4 Snow wasted rapidly - the quantity in our vicinity was scanty, but with ice, previously formed, a kind of middling sleighing. Fifty three bbls good oats were winnowed through the mill and mostly stored in the garret.

Early in the eve'g went to Dr Swifts. The Doctor arrived from a visit to the E. & central parts of Pownal, crossing Carpenter's Hill on his way home. Ed H. had been on a little hunting excursion - returned without game - Read papers some time - Ed bro't from the P. Office a Washington Intel. forwarded pr J. Hunt Esq - memb'r from Vt.

J.Hunt This gentleman had paid a similar compliment to our friend Maj. Luman by sending him the President's Message in the Pamphlet form.

Settle't We proceeded to a settlement of accounts by which it was ascertain with Dr ed that since Dec. 4 1826 the medical attendance of the Dr on our acc't Swift. up to this date amounted to \$3.30 Do cous. Margaret since the last of Nov. \$3.21 - to which being added \$2.13 other items made the whole sum \$13.64. On my part for teaming to Troy, making 24-1/2 bbls cider, 58-1/2 lbs old cheese sold last summer &c., made up a bill of \$14.75 leaving a balance of \$1.11 in my favor - which was credited to me on Statement book in advance. The accounts being disposed of - by request - Ed H. produced notes against me -

The first given Dec 4 1826		\$268.00
The second dated April 1st 1827, for money,		38.00
		<u>\$306.00</u>
Paid Nov 1st 1827 \$100 on the \$268 note,		
standing at this time at	\$184.67	
do Sept 6th \$6.00 on the \$38 demand,		
reducing it to	33.59	218.26
	<u>23.02</u>	
Due C. Brown with int. up to 15 Dec., say		
Ten other small demands as pr bill of this		
date, which see	20.77	
Taxes, due 1st March - estimated at	<u>12.00</u>	65.79
		<u>\$284.05</u>

Demands in favor of B.H. of tolerable soundness	139.61	
do doubtful	37.21	
Cash in hand	<u>31.00</u>	175.82
		<u>\$108.23</u>
To which let us add, doubtful		37.21
Leaving us full in rear, or arrearage		<u>\$145.44</u>
Perhaps at some future day other views of our affairs may be offered.		
See Dec. 4 1826		

SATURDAY, JAN'Y 5 Warm, very pleas't & handsome like Spring, wind mainly S. Worked in the woods with father hauling & piling wood, drew a small load to within a few rods of home. Gave Diamia an order of \$1.75 on the store of F. Black & Co - took up 14 cs for herself & 38 for ourselves in addition to the order.







Sylvanus was authorized & procured at G. Corning & Co's 1 lb tea, 84" and 1/2 lb pesrlash 8" set down in the store book p. 13

Read Cyclopoedia this evening - Art. "Borcelain", principally.

SUNDAY, JAN'Y 6 Mild, warm, cloudy, rainy in the evening - Atmosphere loaded with fog, clouds ran low, wind S. Time principally devoted to writing - Read some in the Cyclop - Article, Prophecy. Dr Swift visited mother & cous. Margaret. Cous. N. Robinson came to see us early in the eve'g, went away before 9 o'clock, had lately visited Amherst, Ms - saw the farm on which our great-grand father resided at the time of his death which happened, if I am rightly informed, in 17 - His name was Benjamin Harwood, followed the business of weaving, dying and Pressing cloth &c.

MONDAY, JAN'Y 7 Foggy, warm & rainy most of the day - sun shone out just before going over the west mountain - wind started up fresh from the N.W. - grew cold in the evening. We were employed until noon in the woods - throwing wood, which lay scattering about, against together & opening some red oak logs. P.M. 100 sheaves oats were threshed - I, besides, made some use of the time with the pen - was thus busied in the evening - got time however to read a few observations under Art. Poetry - Dr Rees - Was informed that Reynolds Carpenter had finally withdrawn his children from our school - sent them to Aus Dimmick on Pownal Hill - H. Waters brought us a press board of his making this evening.

TUESDAY, JAN'Y 8 Cold & freezing, ground solid & dry, cloudy with a fresh breeze from N.W. Completed threshing oats before sunset. Mr Ayres visited us once in the course of the day and related some particulars respecting the captivity of his wife's brother Mr Berry, who had lately come to pay them a visit - from which it seems that some few years since he was unfortunately carried off among some tribes of Indians beyond the Mississippi with whom he remained a considerable time - made his escape at length by stratagem as the natives were trading with a Spaniard who contrived to make them drunk to give him the opportunity & to prevent pursuit he was to inform them that Mr B. was drowned - which succeeded well.

My reading was mostly on the subject of Printing & Platonism, as also first Principles. The art of printing was invented at Strasburgh, A.D. 1440 - bro't into England by Caxton, 1474.

Mr Southworth visited us this evening - felt some injured respecting the conduct of Mr C.

Mrs Duncan sent me pr Nelson a pair of pantaloons lately finished by her - wanted cheese for pay - we weighed out 7-1/4 lbs from a cheese weighing 32 lbs cut for our own consumption.

WEDNESDAY, JAN'Y 9 Dry frozen, hazy, cloudy, & chilly w'd N. Winnowed & measured up 25 bbls oats - busy P.M. patching the west end





of the barn in order to render it more comfortable in time of tedious storms. In the evening the oats were brought from the threshing floor and safely stored in the garret - making a total on hand of that kind of grain 92 bushels - and of the whole we might say there were 117 bbls - there having been in the first place 1405 sheaves, 12 of which yielded 1 bbl.

Cousin Nathan this P.M. waited upon his sister Polly on a visit - went to Pownal & returned from Esq Noble's with Miss Betsey Noble who was going to work for their people awhile - continued their visit until past 9 in the eve'g and departed for home -

Received here & paid for 6 lbs butter at 1/0 - Lent cous. N. two joints 6 inch stovepipe. Instructed him to get of his brother Samuel in Troy, \$1.25 worth wheat flour - that being the sum due me towards oats & cheese - See Nov. 20 -

Read the life of Porteus a famous Divine born in Virginia, but educated & flourished in England where he became Bishop of London, born 1720 & died I think 1808 - Likewise examined the Life and system of Theology taught by Plato who lived to the age of about 80 years, dying in the year before Christ 348.

THURSDAY, JAN'Y 10 Mild & cloudy - a very light & almost imperceptible snow had descended from the clouds during the night in the evening cleared up fine - remarkably mild for the season. Threshing barley constituted our business. Mr Kent visited us in the eve'g - gave information of the recent arrival of our friend Burrell Green whose father had been off for the purpose of getting him home again and it seems the officer had something to do with him in the way of making him punctual with regard to his debts.

Sent S. W. Daniels to F.B. & Co's store & bo't on credit 6 lbs wh' flour & 1 doz manufactured quills - the former 24" - the latter 17" - which last went towards a small demand S.W. had against me.

For B. Gr. see p 15

FRIDAY, JAN'Y 11 Chilly - flying clouds - from S.E. - storm expected Completed threshing barley of which there were 317 sh'vs which yielded 17 bbls only. Sylvanus attended the school of Mr Austin Dimmick - Pownal Hill. Paid to Francis Northup for use of stud \$3.00 in a \$2. Ontario and a \$1 Rhode Island Bank notes - took his receipt in full.

This evening walked to Court House hill delivered a billet from cous. E. Robinson who was at our house on some kind of tailoring business with Damia - to U.M. Rob. to be by him handed to his brother Henry. Ought to have mentioned riding in Montague's waggon with M. himself, H. Waters and two other young men from Hendryx's to the ground near Col. H. Robinson's, - spoke of getting hayseed as mentioned Nov. 8, which see

Bo't of D. Clark a copy of the Vermont Register on Book acc't - price 25 - Darius app'd to be busy with a gentleman concerning a certain note, business not under





stood by me - Solomon appeared as usual occupied in the book binding line. J.T. Robinson & M.L. Selden happened in - spoke them - the former not hearing me, returned no answer. Departed shortly after getting the Gazette of the 3rd - called at Hall & Blackmer's - saw Mr Stroud of Stamford - L. Patchin Esq & R. Robinson came in - from the latter learned the amount of taxes for the present year, which to B. Harwood was \$11.12 to H. Harwood \$.0.83 - total \$11.95 due 1st of March.

Agreed with H. Hall to pay me at first call.

Previous to my visit here bo't at Corning's & Co on a/c 1/8 y'd bobbil lace - 22" - consigned over to Damia's use & 1 lb crackers - 10 cents - total 32 - entered on my Merch't book. Made calls at Hendryx's and at Dr Swift's - at the latter house obtained two newspapers - Intel of Dec. 28 & Spect. of Jan'y 4 - read the latter after getting home - particularly the terrible accident at Cooperstown on the day of Kelly's execution whereby a number of lives were lost, limbs broken &c. in the crash of a great staging erected for the accommodation of the spectators.

B.(Robinson)Sears & H. Rob. here this eve'g

Our friend Southworth paid his respects to us this night.

SATURDAY, JAN'Y 12 Wind continued faint from S.E. - hazy overhead with scattering clouds - fog was attached to the mountain - sometimes the clouds became thick as was the case near sunset - not what we say cold, but chilly, yet the surface of the ground became soft but there was a solid foundation. It was accounted singular weather by many.

About 10 A.M. started off to get a load of lumber in Woodford - halted at T. Hendryx's - was measured for a st. bod. coat - deposited cloth, out of which it was to be cut - Mr H. examined his acc't against me and said, if my recollection be good, it am'td to \$1.63 - would be \$2.13 after cutting the afores'd garment - made a 2d halt at the store of J.Norton Jr - learned from J.B.Norton that a payment from him to Capt A. Dimmick would become due Feb. 26 ensuing.

Next thing worth noticing was shaking hands with Billings Pratt wh who said he had lately arrived from Adams, Ms., where he had endured a fit sickness which lasted 20 days - a jaundice complaint - had never been sick much - did not know how to act - He appeared quite well dressed.

My friend Capt. O. Abel became my passenger this side Safford's bridge, having in his hand the pattern of a mill stone spindle - had lately bo't a patent for the erection of mills on an improved plan - his right extended over the county - The Furnace Co., talked of building one.

Met Mr E. Lyon who informed me that in consequence of breaking his mill crank could not accommodate me sooner than a week from Monday next.





Made a call at the Iron Works - Saw the Forge in successful operation - a new hand had entered their service who could refine cast pigs ready for the hammer - even such as they cast that were unfit for market - come of it was now drawn into a bar by Mr Eddy which was pronounced the best of iron.

Mr Doolittle, Capt A. & Mr Stiles one of the clerks was present - the last shewed me their West hammer erected, erected on a new plan, which he put in motion to gratify my curiosity. Staid here something over an hour - concluded to visit the saw-mill of A. Brown - called at J. Harwood's respecting a pair of boots left to be mended - had not done them, but would have them ready for me on Monday.

Next called upon Mr Rockwood and contracted for 100 bbls oil meal in addition to what was now due me - to be paid the ensuing fall in cash, or if he wanted articles of produce, it was to be at cash price - the amount of the contract being thirty dollars. Thought I should take a load on Tuesday next.

After proceeding on the road towards Pownal some little distance beyond Safford's Mill pond, met Rom's Walbridge with a load of coals going to the furnace - made a bargain with him for 100 bbls do good quality to be delivered say next week - at \$6. cash payable the first week in March at the store of J. Norton Jr - Met other teams loaded with this article bound to the Furnace. Took in a gentleman collier passenger near Walbridge's who informed me he labored for W. in that capacity, and would see that I had coals of suitable quality.

At A. Brown's bo't a load of lumber for which agreed to pay cash or cheese \$2.71 cts previous to the first of June. It consisted of 178 ft hemlock 2 inch planks including some refuse pine - \$1.11 - & a stock seasoned pines - 192 feet with the addition of an article which made it am't at 80" pr hund. to \$1.60. A gentleman belonging to the neighborhood with whom I was unacquainted, assisted a little at loading - it seems to me Mr B. called him Elijah. Capt A. Hyde appeared to have business with Mr B. Before my arrival there, but very near, met A. D. Robinson on horse back - Henry his brother with horse team loaded with saw log, & H. Hubbard with oxen & cart, body off, loaded in like manner - bound to Wid. Olin's mill. I reached home some little time after dark - heavy wheeling up the meet'g house hill, thawed so much as to render it quite too soft.

Let us now proceed to give an imperfect account of the products of B. Harwood's farm during the year 1827.

The farm is rated at 100 acres imp'd land, pleasantly located at about 1-1/4 miles S. of Bennington meeting house. During the period under consideration the family usually consisted of 4 males and 5 females - employed in hired service, and there were goers & comers enough to make up the number to ten persons continually - of whom all were adults with the exception of two - Adeline & Hopkins.





GRAIN.	1827	ACRES	BHLS	PARTS	VALUATION.
Wheat .....	1	.....	7	.....	5.25
Rye	4-1/4		5 2	at 50¢	26.00
Oats	3-1/2		117	at 25	29.25
Corn .....Poor	4		75	at 50	37.50
Barley	1		17	at 75	12.75
(Barley) Buckwheat	3		43	at 37-1/2	16.12 -1/2
Neans	1/4		4	at \$1.00	4.00
Flax..... Tolerable	1/2		3 16	Seed \$1.	3.50 134.37 1/2
			317		
Orchard --Apps 8; 27-1/2 A			60	383 bhls P's 1/0	30.00
				1/0	10.
Cidwr 146 bbls ground .....				at 60"	87.60 97.60
Dairy:.....					
20 to 21 cows 60 a. pasture .....	4450	lbs		Cheese at 6"....	267.00
Estimate of Butter.....	270	do		\$312.00 .....	45.
Calves.....				1h hd @ 3.37 1/2	42.75 354.75
Beef - L.Teet 3 yrs old.....	693	lbs		Saw worth.....	20.00
Mutton 19 head .....	19	hd		do .....	20.88
Swine .....	7	do		.....	28.00 68.88
Wool from 20 hd sheep kept at home					
25 leased; 50-1/4 lbs					
19-3/4 from				.....	17.50
Produce of the Garden - Estimated				.....	6.00 23.50
Hay the Produce of 40 acres - 45 tohs					709.60 1/2

Demands against B.H.& Son  
of the 4th Jan'y 1828

Notes to Dr Swift	p.19 .....	218.26
C Brown .....	33.02	
Marg't Harwood, acct .....	5.64	
Betsey Street, Tayloring...	1.33	
Mrs Duncan .....	.50	
J.Nort Jr & JBN est'd.....	2.76	
Corning & Co acct .....	2.45	
Blackmer & Co do .....	2.27	
T.Hendryx do .....	1.63	
Harry Norton do .....	1.25	
L.Chandler & Son est'd ....	1.00	
Capt C.Hills acct .....	0.44	
Francis Northup, Studd.....	3.00	
Taxes, due 1st March .....	11.95	
		67.24
		<hr/> 285 .50
Add Min. Tax & Loss on cheese		12.00
		<hr/> 297.50

Demands in favor of B.H.& Son  
Jan'y 4. 1828

Cash in hand	32.	
Capt A Dimmick	42.90	
O C Merrill, uncet	34.96	
H.Hall, note	12.60	
E Montague note	7.12	
D.Clark do	4.75	
B.Squires do	3.28	
C.Brown, acct	2.00	139.61
E Waters Jr wh	5.48	
Rockwood, o.meal	2.38	
Mrs <del>Van</del> Olin lamb	1.33	
D.Ruttenbur Jr wk est	5.67	
C.Harwood do	10.00	
H.Lumb note	12.35	37.21
		<u>176.82</u>
Deduct bad & uncertn		52.00
		<u>124.82</u>

Stock: Cows	20	at \$19.00	380.
Horses	2	at 50.&75.	125.00
(At Home) Sheep	28	5 leased 33hd	50.
Oxen	2		40.
Swine	7		30.
			<hr/> 625.

Add 3 yr old heifer \$16.

B H & Sons debts	
stated at	297.50
Stock	641.
Good demands	124.82
Subtract upper sum	
from the lower	468.32
Leaves us \$468.32	
above board.	





## Sales of Produce 1826-1827

Dairy, 1826 - 18 to 20 cows      Say lbs 3710 cheese

Sold to Arnolds	lbs 2094	135.55		Sold Cheeses 1827	lbs 3296	198.91
, , others	, 566	47.59	183.14	, Butter	, 168	28.
, butter	, 160	26.71	26.71	, Calves	, 1026	35.64
, 17 hd calves	40.		40.00	Down to Jan 4 1828		262.55
			<u>249.85</u>	Add remainder when sold.		

, Pork A.D. 1827	, 1013	50.64	
, Beef F. Or	, 143	4.29	54.93
, 17 hd sheep & lambs		18.38	18.38
, Cider (\$6.87 only cask)			
bbls 27-3/4		23.71	
, Apples \$2. do bbls 18		4.67	28.38
, Rye	, 2	1.00	
, Oats	, 9-1/4	3.16	4.16
Add proceeds of Cows			<u>262.55</u>
			<u>368.40</u>

Boarding C. Harwood from	
Jan 18 to about May 14	20.00
do Capt Abel & hands	
205 days end'g in June	<u>34.17</u>
	54.17

## Articles purchased from Dec 12:

Flour	Bbls 4	20.00	20.00
Tea	Lbs 30-1/2	23.02	
Sugar	, 131-7/16	12.15	
Molasses	Gals 16-1/2	6.61	41.78
Salt	Bhls 18	12.38	
Plaster	1	.31	12.69
Leather, all sorts for selves	lbs 42-3/4 sole		
		23.62	
Nails do	62	4.54	28.16
Indigo	7 oz	1.26	1.26
Calico's	yds 37-1/2	10.03	
Cotton, coards & fine yds	61	12.96	
Batts	lbs 8	1.35	
Yarn	, 5	1.56	
Wick	, 1-1/2	0.52	26.42
Lamp oil	Gs 1-1/2	1.38	
Brooms & Shak'rs	10	2.38	
Codfish	Lbs 33-3/4	1.35	
Pepper	2	.50	
Allspice	, 2	0.61	
Ginger, cassia, nutmegs,			
cloves, rice,		1.24	
Crockery, estimated,		4.98	
Tin		2.43	
Books & Stationary - comput'd		8.00	22.87
See Merch't Book P.40			<u>\$ 153.18</u>

## 1826 to Dec 11 1827

Bro't up	153.18
Lumber - Pine 1200 ft	15.21
, Hemlock 3323 do	20.08
, Y. Birch 190 ,	2.00
, Ash \$37.44	.15
Six thousand	
shingles	11.





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SUNDAY, JAN'Y 13 Continued thawy, chilly, cloudy, dark & unpleas't  
Employed much in the usual way. Father & his daughters were at the Sanctuary where Mr Hunter performed in Mr C's stead P.M. H.W. in the evening was seen here, staid over night waiting for the mud to freezeup - bro't us a boot-jack of his manufacture.

MONDAY, JAN'Y 14 Clouds thick flowing from S.E. wind blew hollow & chill from that quarter - P.M. rained considerably - held up towards sunset - roads extremely muddy. Left home with a notion of borrowing a wagg. rack at Dr Swift's, if he had one, return'g & tak'g on a quantity of flax for the machine at the N. p't of Benning'n, but as I drove through the mud gave up the plan - visited the P.O. - Saw Col. Merrill assisting Dan'l E. Spencer about writing, spoke to him concerning our affairs - he seemed to be rather unprepared to attend to them - Saw W. Haswell, M.L. Selden, J.S. Robinson, Messrs S. & D. Clark, & others - the first spoke of our taking up a quantity of our contemplated B'k Stock - signified the extreme want of means to do so as well as my determination to have nothing to do with it. Previous to entering the office saw Capt D. Robinson engaged in repairing Col M's court y'd fence & preparing to lay down flat stones for a sidewalk - exchanged a few words with him concerning the Bank - mentioned to him the spot whereon in my opinion it should be located, viz, on the corner opposite his father's house - he perfectly agreed with me - and furthermore said it was his opinion that with the best management, it would not, during the first six years of its existence, produce over six per cent profit, but if they disagreed and differed and wrangled about the thing, it would only be a bill of expence to the stockholders - Rode off to Dr S. Robinson's - men gone from home - dined with cous. Polly & Miss B. Noble - Uncle S. arrived in the rain from the grist-mill with oxen & cart - he assisted me in getting my horses into the stable - after which staid contentedly during the rain, conversing occasionally with naunt S., reading the Christian Almanac 1828 - examining her family records - &c.

She put in my possession a record of the Fay family which after use must be returned to her again.

My early rising this morning occasioned my my involuntarily taking a nap - meantime cousin Nathan arrived, dropping, with horses & wagg. from Algiers - soon secured his beasts in the barn and spent some time with me previous to my departure.

About half an hour before sundown, receiving a quantity of flour which N. got in Troy of his brother S. Jr on my acc't in full - and borrowing their wagg. rack - came away accomp'd by uncle S. who left me at David Jun's corner - halted at T. Hendryx's, paid in money two dollars - leaving 13" due including a coat not yet cut out - that is the cutting only - Borrowed the N.Y. Spect. of Jan'y 8 - arrived here just after dark - read most of Gov Clinton's Message - Pretty good - Mr Tool was turned out of school for his coarse ungovernable behaviour.

While at the Post Office Mrs Granger came there to make application for







a letter to be forwarded to Washington City in order to gain information respecting a son who it was reported had lately died in S. America being a sailor in the U.S. service, as she thought, but still could not know without official knowledge through the Department.

Another circumstance needs recording under this date - Mr Cushman this day retired from his Court House Tavern after having kept it for more than twenty years, if I mistake not - It was now leased to Messrs Fisk. Bo't on Cr at Corrington & Co's an article worth 6".

TUESDAY, JAN'Y 15 Cold & freezing, strong blasts of wind, flying cl'ds & some snow from N.W. Was anxious to go to the Oil Mill for a load of oil meal, but the state of the roads being extremely bad and storage not being provided for its reception - gave it over and contented by doing a good many unimportant tho' I hope not unnecessary jobs which as it fatigued me in the personal execution thereof, must be excused from giving in detail here. Was visited by an elderly gentleman calling his name Wallis from Stamford, Vt - formerly from Windsor, Ms - knew a family of Harwood's there @ cousins of my grand-father - He enquired for the residence of Capt Ketchum, but we could not inform him - after taking a glass of cider departed. Had resided in S. thirty years. Read Sec. of the Navy Report, Dec. 1827, Finds fault with many regulations touching that important Department - Estimate for supplies 1828, 3-1/2 M.

WEDNESDAY, JAN'Y 16 Sharp severe morning - clouds red - after about 12 o'clock commenced snowing - held on pretty lively 2 or 3 hours - wind increasing in strength from S.E. - Storm continued with hail and I do not know but with rain, furious & very tedious until late in the evening. Over extremely rough wheeling transported to a flax machine situated in the N. part of Bennington, where they say formerly stood Allen's Mills, 100 bundles flax, principally of the growth of 1827, pretty good quality, if it should prove to yield well & not hard to operate on they will return 2/3ds - if not - will vary accordingly to circumstances. Some little trouble occurred to me before down to the machine building which is rather badly situated which I shall not be at the trouble of describing. Returned in the storm to uncle S. Robinson's - saw old Mrs Buck of Pownal mounted high on horseback shivering through the warring elements - homeward bound. Left rack on the spot from which it was received - dined at uncle S's - being well fed, & sufficiently warmed, horses having also experienced good wage - seated myself with uncle S. on my wagg. and started for home - conversed on the way respecting the great Snow-storm of 1804 - March - dropped my good old companion at Clark's office where he took the trouble to hand me the Gazette of the 15th inst. Called at Corning & Co's and bo't 1/4 lb cinnamon or cassia - 25 - paid and 4 skeins black sew'g silk & st. twist - 30" - booked - by the hand of Deac. Safford. By about sundown







reached home - In the eve'g read the Gaz. & Cyclopoedia - In the latter examined the article "Polygamy" which is not wanting for interest or curiosity. It is really amusing to find what variety of customs and opinions have prevailed among mankind with regard to this subject & in fact do still continue to this day - Rec'd a short visit from fr'd Southworth this evening - could not prevail upon him to put his horse up & tarry until morning.

THURSDAY, JAN'Y 17 Flying clouds with some slight snow showers, some of the time pretty cold - and P.M. particularly the wind was very violent from N.W. Sleighs & cutters were in motion, but the wind had blown off the snow, which was but thin at best, in such manner as to render the sleighing very poor indeed.

Visited the Oil Mill & rec'd towards contract 25 bbls of the meal of oil cakes - in going thither called on Mr T.Hendryx and paid him in full his acc't by adding the fraction mentioned on the 14th and rec'd my coat.

Returning from Alg. called at Corning & Co's - paid 6" for 1/2 lb putty - Saw & conversed with Mr S. Morse, Mr Demming, the tin man, & Mr Farwell - Mr Demming recommended giving oil meal to horses - told what a fine little cow he had which when he bo't her & drove her home from Washington Co., N.Y. would have sold for ten dollars - although he had given that amount of money for her besides ten sheep the fall previous - now would not sell her at almost any price. Arrived here in season to allow of unloading by about sundown.

Read Cyclo. this eve'g, chiefly on Pronunciation.

FRIDAY, JAN'Y 18 Pretty pleas't, not very cold, wind N.W. Northern Lights were very conspicuous in the evening - (m) - Made an unsuccessful trip to the oil mill - their business was so situated that they could not wait upon me consistently with their other engagements. Made a long tarry at J. Harwood's waiting for friend James to mend Hopkins' and Adeline's boots - Read a part of a Sermon deliv'd in some of Canada by a Universalist preacher - printed at Ogdensburgh by cousin Barter & partner - 1826 @ in which proof of his Doctrine is stoutly set forth.

John Crawford made a lengthy visit - had taken a little too much - talked some respecting the times in 1812 - exhibited two orders from Aaron Norton in his favor which he could not read - wanted me to put a mark on one of them that he might distinguish one from the other - so I wrote J. Norton Jr on the back of that which was directed to him. He said himself nor none of his brethren could either read or write - claimed to himself much credit for schooling his children - being determined that they should not suffer on that account as he had.

Talked with friend James about buying a young cow he offered for sale next spring, looked at some shingles which he wanted to dispose of but didn't buy - rec'd my shoes & boots & cleared late P.M.

Drove to U.M.Rob's - there saw S. Scott, O.C.Merrill, S. Dewey, Capt Hicks, J'd Dewey, T.Hills, D.Ruttenbur & others - heard Weeks in the Dining Room





the musician perform elegantly on the violin - S.H.Blackmer being seated near him. Before visiting the tavern called at D.Clark's & bo't on credit 1/2 qr faint lined paper. After my short stay at U.M's called upon Col M. who was about to sit down to supper, gave me an invitation, which I declined - discoursed awhile upon pecuniary concerns - he complained of great embarrassment in that respect - I finally offered if he would advance me \$23. of 24 dollars in money previous to the first of March, that the remainder of my demand should be satisfied by the receipt of books or some such kind of property - Said he would do all he could about it - did not wish to injure me in the least &c. Saw J.T.Robinson who complained of the total failure of his right ear in hearing - had been so, more or less, ever since he was 14 years old.

At U.M's, while there, saw D.Ruttenbur who engaged after due notice to come and perform a job of joiner work for me early in the Spring.

Got home about dark. In the evening we were very courteously and entertainingly visited by our neighbor S.H.Brown. Sylvanus had spent the principal part of the day with our oxen at the drawing of a shed from Smith's over to Merritt Green's. Desired Col. M. to furnish me with money to pay taxes - he engaged no further than to do as well as he could. Was informed that our fr'd E. Montague was came here near the close of the day on his way from Pown'l, had made settlement with Maj. L. Norton - dined - and gallanted home Mrs Waters - should go ere long to the N. & would get hayseed for us on his return - as talked of Nov. 8 - Mrs Waters informed of the death of Luther Greenwood, which occurred at his brother's in N. Hampshire, sometime last fall. Intemperance, it is supposed, was the princ'l cause of it - aged between thirty and thirty five - by occupation a shoemaker - had resided here perhaps about ten years.

SATURDAY, JAN'Y 19 Mild - moderately thawed, heavy dark clouds were afloat much of the time - & pretty brisk from S. or nearly so. All hands, including Sylvanus, with our two teams, employed in getting wood, of which 6 loads a piece were drawn - sledding not good - neither could it be pronounced very bad - snow but thin. Maj. L. Norton's man passed us with a load of 4 ft wood from the Street Lot. Early in the evening S.W.D. was sent to the store of F.B. & Co for 1 lb tea & 1/4 do coffee - Merch't B'k p. 13 - borrowed N.Y.S. at Dr S's of Jan'y 11 containing Mr Clay's address - also the advertisement of the Ready Penmaker &c. S.H.Brown rec'd here on acc't 1 bhl buckwheat for which was charged 38 cs.

SUNDAY, JAN'Y 20 Cold - high wind & flying clds from N.W - Wrote a good many arithmetrical figures in my book besides attending to Mr Clay's Address, which if it was worth nothing else proved Gen Jackson to be a person possessed of a vindictive revengeful spirit, nowise comporting with the character of a gentleman qualified to preside over 24 Great States. Father, S.W.D., Sally & Diadamia went to church - heard Henry H. Fassett published to Miss M. F. Robinson. Dr Swift paid a medical visit to mother and cous. Marg't this evening.







MONDAY, JAN'Y 21 Early in the morning there was a slight fall of snow after which the wind arose from N.W. & continued blowing in violent gusts throughout the day - In the open country it ~~was~~ was very tedious, but in woods comparatively speaking it was warm. The business of Saturday was pursued and as many loads drawn up as on that day. S.W. had the misfortune to have his ox-staple give out in consequence of which, besides getting his six l'ds, was obliged to run to neighbor Brown's to borrow a yoke. A sort of vagabond requested to tarry with us over night, his request was granted - understood his name to be Brown - mentioned having crossed over from Plattsburgh by way of Gr'd Isle - seemed to be bound South. Mrs Kent paid our people a visit

TUESDAY, JAN'Y 22 Extremely cold morning - there had been nothing up to it since the commencem't of the present season. The air however became more mild in the course of the day - tolerably fair, but rather hazy - wind N. Visited the store of J.Norton Jr - Saw H. Norton - paid him one dollar towards fixing axe, remained due 25 cents which I engaged to hand over shortly. Bo't on credit 4 lbs br sugar at 0/9 1 lb 1 oz L. sug. 22", came to 23" & 1 lb 14 oz bar soap 0/9 amounting to 96 cents.

Made a very fair & accurate settlement with J.B.Norton, from which it appeared that his charges for beef, cash &c. amounted to , since the 9th of Oct. 1826, \$63.42 - mine for calves, sheep, lambs, cheese &c to \$59.83 - Balanced by note on demand, \$3.59. There was a good deal of company in, among whom noticed S. Safford Esq., J. Hubbell Esq'r, W. Bates, Pownal, G. Godfrey Jr., H. Clark, Crawford & others.

Visited B. Squires' - he was talking with one of the Walbridge's about a harness - could pay me no money this day, but would certainly let me have it previous to the first of March - Mr W. said my load of coals would be bro't most likely the latter part of this week.

Went E. Chase Jr's - saw & conversed with our uncle C. Harwood on various subjects - more particularly on getting him to purchase for us lumber, either boards or shingles - thought we should prefer the latter.

Before quitting Algiers let me mention that those boards which I sold to J.B.Norton, Sept. 12 1827, were passed to my credit on the book of J. Norton Jr and that the goods charged to me at the store amounted to \$7.92.

On the road up to the meeting house was overtaken by E.D.Hubbell with a 3 horse wagg. l'd of pig iron - we soon commenced conversation respecting the Troy road - he agreed with me that the Line or Armstrong Hill was the most formidable by all odds of any to be met with this side the City - that a Petition to the L. of N.Y. now in session at Albany for the grant of T. Pike on that Route was actually drawn up & would be presented.

At F.B. & Co., halted & left my goods - proceeded up the hill - found Noyes assisted by his friend Joel Rice selling beef to H.Kellogg  $\frac{3}{4}$  so I agreed with them

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for 4 lbs which was weighed to me - ordered it left at F.B. & Co's - where my friend would pay for it as I had no change by me, so they accordingly did, and I afterward paid Mr B. the same, 20 cents.

Visited the P.O. - Saw D & S Clark busy with mails also J. Loomis Jr doing business with W. Potter concerning oats &c which the latter had sold to the former - Heman Wickwire was trying to make sale of a load of wood - invited him to pay us a visit, which he engaged he would - got acquainted with him on the road to Lansingburgh in June 1827.

Saw J.S. Rob., Col. Merrill & others - Went over to U.M.R.'s, tarried not long - met with uncle S. Rob., col Jon. E., Col Henry E. Fillmore, Esq'r D. Rudd, Rich'd Dickinson & others - Came down the hill to F.B. & Co's - strttled for my beef - Stephen Dewey was present, talking of our contemplated Bank - Marched over to Hall & Blackmer's - Convers-ed with Capt. H. about my demand on him which he did not wish at this time to pay on account of putting money in the Bank - would endeavor to settle my tax bill for me with the Collector which as far as it would go, I told him was just as good as the money - Capt Hyde & M. S. Norton came in - the former related a funny anecdore of a clergyman in England who being on a hunting excursion and having holed a fox - said it caused him to recollect that he was under obligation to attend the burial of a parishoner on that day -

This led to a number of observations on the Church establishment of that country - which it was said was more costly than that of any other in the world.

Left here just after the sun had hid himself behind the mount'n - went to F. B. & Co's - got my things - started for home - halted & got 2 more spikes for driving into the sled beams - 7 of them cost 21 cents - came on to Dr Swift's - left papers - borrowed Spect. of Jan 15 & the pamphlet containing Clay's Address - talked with Ed. H. concerning Jackson - I expressed my bad opinion of him - he did not attempt to gloss him but thought the more they published against him, the more likely he would be to obtain the election.

Arrived here by sunset - Damia found frightful news from our friend Mrs Ashley - She had been ill a considerable time occasioned principally by a wen located somewhere behind one of her shoulders - she never expected a return of health again.

Ought to have noticed before quitting the store of J. N. Jr the raising of his sign which appeared to be executed in good style.

WEDNESDAY, JAN'Y 23 Held on to be severe all day, cloudy - a fine feather-like snow kept flying from morn. till night - mended our poor sledding but very little - We drew with 2 teams 13 lds of wood - of which Sylvanus counted 7 with his steers.

Our friend E. Carpenter called upon us this evening to inform us that our cheese fell short in weight at N.Y. 48 lbs which was





fairly minuted down in the bill which I gave him at Dorlon's in Troy - the main failure seemed to be in the last parcel, one cask of which weighed 5 lbs under the marked weight - the parcel of which I am speaking was weighed by M. C. at Troy and afterwards at N.Y. and came out both times exactly alike - so that there was no room for dispute or doubt in the matter - the other casks came out pretty nearly as they were marked.

My weight might not have been correct, but there was this to be considered - the cheese was packed in green hemlock casks, for which C. said he could get nothing, and those that were conveyed last were exposed to the influence of a close stove during the space of about 9 days which would occasion the casks to season a good deal & have beside a considerable effect on the cheese - no man ought to pack his cheese in unsuitable casks for market - and if he does, let it be anything rather than in hemlock.

Without murmuring or hesitation, refunded to Mr C. his money - even so readily & carelessly did I negotiate the business, as to omit deducting from the \$2.87-1/2 which I this eve'g paid him, 45 cents due me at the time he paid me at Dorlon's - See Nov. 20 - However this will be made right yet no doubt on some future day.

Mr C. read to us a letter from his friend Brayton of Adams, Ms., concerning their business at N.Y. C. said he could get but ~~6 1/2~~ 6-1/2 per hund, for his cheese generally. For Mr L. Shewood's, which was packed in substantial casks, he obtained 50 cents higher on the hund.

He staid awhile conversing on the bank - said I must be a stockholder - he would make me one - after his return from Boston - was going to start for that city on Friday to get a quantity of specie - was anxious for the election of N. Swift, D. Robinson Jr, L. Patchin & A. Hyde as Directors of our contemplated Bank - thought the Doct't ought to be President.

Those men were in my opinion very proper cabdidates.

Read Cyclopoedia on First Principles.

Mr Henry H. Fassett was this day wedded to Miss Mary Fay Robinson daughter of A.R. Esq - the former in his 42d and the latter in her 31st year - her mother was first cousin to Mr F. & gr'd daughter of Mr Jed. Dewey the first Pastor of the Congregational Church in Bennington - the mother of Mr F. was one of the daughters of the above named gentleman, both of those ladies have been dead many years.

THURSDAY, JAN'Y 24 Very severe this morning - fine clear blue sky all day - snugly cold - wind N. 12 loads wood the result of this day's labor - Sylvanus continuing the cammand of his steers. H. Waters spent the evening here - said they were going to celebrate a Bank Ball at Messrs Fisk's on the evening of the 25th - invited me to be a spectator which I promised to be if circumstances were favorable. My wife, Mrs K., Mrs Winship &c visited Mrs Andrews this evening.





FRIDAY, JAN'Y 25 The wind blew this morning almost a hurricane from the S.W. - it abated considerably in the course of the forenoon, but held on pretty heavily until late in the eve'g. Stormed some before noon, late P.M. rained but not powerfully - the morning air was extremely piercing, but before night it had softened down many degrees. We brought to a happy close the business of drawing wood, of which 9 loads were this day added to the pile - making an aggregate of about 74 loads including what was drawn in November & December, a great portion of it being rather poor being bass and oak - we might compute it at 25 cords.

Mr Wickwire one of our boarders last Summer called to see at what date he commenced boarding here, that being the day on which he commenced to work for Savage & Abell, or to put things in chronological order, say Abell & Savage - found it to be the 17th of April.

H. Waters in Mrs Young's fine chaise conveyed D. Harwood to Fisk's to attend the Ball there this eve'g - Mr Weeks, musician. I could not or did not go on account of the inclemency of the weather. Read Cyclo. Perhaps I may add some particulars touching our wood on a future day if time should be allowed.

SATURDAY, JAN'Y 26 Mild, moderate & cloudy - roads muddy, but not deep thin and not troublesome to waggon except in the ascent of hills - must be pronounced a favorable day for the transaction of business, most kinds of out door business.

Assisted by B. Harwood prepared a pair of long reaches to the wagon, which we had previously to dismantle, Washed & shaved ever so fine Harnessed horses & started for Woodford past 11 A.M. - called at Chandler's to get a loose shoe fastened, but it could not be attended to because Sam'l was absent for a short time. Saw Lorenzo Downs & a youngestster whom I took to be his brother - the former took occasion to recommend spanning my horses different from my usual practice - so as to have the heaviest one on the off side. Had just previous to halting here seen and conversed with my old friend H. Dimmick who informed me that his half brother, Abell, had suffered several weeks cruel confinement from a cruel attack of inflammatory Rheumatism - Did not know what he would do - said it was his business according to an agreement between them, to pay what was due on my lumber demand - had got all his logs cut, but none of them conveyed to the mill. Drove on to Algiers - had horse shoe fastened at H. Norton's - borrowed twenty five cents at the store of J. Norton Jr which was paid to Harry Norton, being in full for an axe mentioned p. 8 - Proceeded slowly along towards the place of destination - took on a passenger who appeared to be enquiring as employment as a chopper - his residence he stated to be at Troy - N. part of Vt - had just returned from a visit to N.Y.C'y of which he spoke in high terms of admiration - thought it far superior to all he had before seen and he been in Quebec, Montreal, Plattsburgh, Albany - Rafted on the St Lawrence &c &c







Left my passenger at the Furnace - will just add that he informed me as they were employed in erecting the new Wharf at Plattsburgh many remains of the soldiers buried there, not only of the soldiery but also of their wives particularly of the Tenth Am. Regiment, were disinterred. The most perfect part of the human relics dug up at that place seemed to be the hair, which appeared to be very fresh in many of the females' subjects - many of whom while the above Reg. from the South was stationed there, whose husband's belonged thereto, died of the Lake fever. Without relating all the minutia of calling at Lyons' house &c may as well write that very soon after my arrival at his mill he came up with a saw log - assisted in loading the spruce boards, such as I had bargained for, one stock of the length & breadth required, not however quite coming up to the quality I could wish, but as near as the nature of things would permit, meaning 465 feet, would have the remainder ready for me soon, should the weather prove favorable; said he made nothing by the contract, it was such heavy & difficult work to get in such logs. John Harbour was present & said he assisted in drawing in the above timber - complained much of it. Tried to be released from taking the half-inch hemlock, but Mr L. insisted upon the bargain, so acquiesced & said no more than to request him next fall to receive some kind of produce I might have to spare if it should accommodate him instead of money - to which he assented. My friend S. Randall, I think it must be Stephen, assisted me in binding my load, with which I came home without trouble worth naming. Called at the oil mill. Said they could accommodate me with meal at any time past the beginning of the ensuing week. At Dr Swifts saw their stove lately fitted up in their S. room, looked like comfortable accomany - the Dr & E.H. both present - hunted up cous Margaret some curious medicine & sent mother some pills, likewise lent me the Spect. of Jan 12. Mr Southworth paid his respects here this eve'g - tarried over night after his return from C's Printing Off whence he bro't Bissett's L. of Ed. Burke - S.P. Waldo's L. of Gen. A. Jackson & 2 Vol of Scott's Novels.

SUNDAY, JAN'Y 27 A very distressing S.E. storm came on this morning which lasted without much cessation throughout the day. The wind seemed to be extremely violent - roaring in the direction of the E. Mountain in a manner appalling & terrific - but the snow & hail accompanying it although the air at times seemed filled with it, was yet inconsiderable. My reading was principally confined to the Lives of Burke & Jackson. Lydia, Sally & S.W. Daniels rode to meeting together, my father did not attend. They returned with news of the destruction by fire of the barn of Cyrus Hills in which one of his son's finest horses perished. The light of this building I happened to discover at a late hour in the night, but not suspecting it to be anything more than the light of a candle or lamp at some of the neighbors, gave myself no trouble respecting it. In the morning we saw the smoke hovering over the village that proceeded from the ruins. Understood Hiram Hull to have been the first person who gave the alarm. They saved one of 2 horses. It was supposed to be the work of an incendiary. Mr S. remained with us until late P.M. - finished writing a letter to a friend - Read some in the Cyclopoedia, and then marched away to P. Smith's - his present boarding place.







MONDAY, JAN'Y 28 High flying, cloudy, blustering, not however very cold much snow carried about in whirlwinds from N.W.

Tho't of carrying off another parcel of flax to the machine, but finally gave it up, conveyed children to school - afterwards rode with B. Harwood to town - had himself measured by T. Hendryx for a suit of homespun - Ascended the Hill - the former alighted at U.M.R.'s. I took my stand at the Post & Printing Offices - Saw & conversed some with Col M. respecting stoves which I wanted to purchase of him, but no bargain was made - Looked at some late papers - saw nothing very important - Adams, Jackson & Clay seemed to be the chief topic of discussion. My father rode off to uncle S. Robinson's & I with my account book went to Col Norton's & settled accounts in full. Fell in debt on the old score 33 cents which being added to the work performed by Mr S. on the 2d inst. - 61 cts - made a bill of 94 which I paid on the spot. Martin S. Assisted & was under a slight impression that the old Joseph Davis demand of \$1 had been paid. I held myself in readiness to allow anything he might recollect on the subject, for there was nothing particularly to the point in their books. I believe they were satisfied that it was justly inserted in my book & regularly settled at this time. After the disposal of business had a very pleasant dish of discourse with the Col., his lady & son & then returned to the P. Office.

Would just mention seeing the Col's 2d son Elijah working in the shop with his father. At the office saw Darius, Solo. C., Col. M., W. Haswell, M. L. Selden, J. S. Rob, Heman Rob., Mr Chapin & others.

Darius offered & indeed promised to pay me by the first of March what was due on his note of Jan'y 6 1827 without fail. Saw Reub. Rob., the Collector to whom firmly engaged to pay taxes on or before said day.

My father having returned from his visit at uncle S's called, and I seated myself in the sleigh - started for home - halted at Corning & Co's - Saw Mr Deming the tin maker or manufacturer - Deacon Safford sold us on credit 1 pap. pins - 13 cents - inserted in the Merch't Book - Landed the old gent at home & drove to the school house - returned with a load of school children - Met H. Dimmick going S. in a cutter - poor sleighing - snow flew terribly - In the evening read Life of Jackson.

TUESDAY, JAN'Y 29 Flying cl'ds - some pretty heavy gusts - not extremely cold - wind N.W. - snow blown about much less than on the preceding day - Arose early - had rested indifferently on account of teeth or jaw-ache - Committed many minor affairs to writing. Main business of the day consisted in getting down from the woods 4 bass wood logs which were ready cut - intended for the saw mill. In the evening rode in the old lumber Dr Swift sleigh driven by S.W.D. along with lady & sisters to Mr Gleason's - at the Elijah Rob. house - where we enjoyed a very sociable visit. Mr G. had his new horse sled almost completed in the big lower kitchen - mentioned to me his being engaged in getting in logs at Watson's mill - Shaftsbury - he let me have a piece of elm scantling





about 5 by 7 - five or five & a half feet in length which I bro't home. Very mean sleighing - tore off an old sleigh shoe which was worn so thin in the middle as to fail in turning round. Young E. Waters & mates were calculating on a sleigh ride to Arlington, on the morrow.

WEDNESDAY, JAN'Y 30 Moderate & pleasant - thawed slightly, w'd S.

Harnessed horses for Algiers - rode on the horse sled by way of Green's, halted & conversed a few moments with Mr G. Jr - had barley to dispose of - requested if I should visit Troy on the morrow that I would inform him what price it bore in market. At Harry Norton's had my horses shod all round - that is the shoes were most of them set the 2nd time in short order - price 1.13 - Norton fitted & A. Grover Jr nailed on the shoes. At J. Norton Jr's store paid 25 cents borrowed money & bo't on credit 8 lbs 3 oz wheat flour and of J. B. Norton purchased on cr. 12 lbs beef, weighed to me by young Mr Whipple, Mr N. being gone to Troy and his man being absent at some little distance. Mr W. had not yet fully recovered his health, talked of seeking business in N. York at the opening of Spring. Saw R. Colvin - talked with him on the subject of sawing at his mill - his terms were \$3.00 per thousand or one third of the stuff - wanted cheese towards it, which I would not perform nor promise him - said if I would not let him have any, then I must pay cash down when the sawing was done - However mind-ye, did not bind myself to give him the job.

At the oil mill received on contract 25 bhls oil meal - returned home with it by way of Green's - rather bad getting across his pasture to the Fay Farm it was steep and sidling.

Uncle S. Robinson & his lady & youngest daughter gave us a very pleasing & entertaining visit - tarried until sometime in the evening.

THURSDAY, JAN'Y 31 Flying clouds - hazy a little, moderate - thawed the surface of the ground - not to such a degree as to injure waggoning much. The transportation of 50 bhls oil meal from the oil mill constituted the chief business of the day - making out the full of my contract - See Jan 12. Agreed with Mr Rockwood for 25 bhls more including what was already due me - to be delivered on a future day. A man came from Hoosack to buy some on trial - took but a small quantity. Reuben Armstrong who was there before me, my last load, carried off 30 bhls in bags. Geo Godfrey Jr appeared to be splitting up wood for Mr R. Saw Gov. Tichenor returning from a hunting expedition in Woodford. I got home a little after dark and unloaded by help of S.W.D.

Sometime in the evening Mr Taylor from Monroe, Ms., arrived with a quantity of shingles for which I had contractrd while he was here on the 6th & 7th of Nov - Finding his load too much for his small horses - left half of it - 3 bunches, at the foot of Pownal Hill. His price was \$2.00 delivered here. I agreed to transport said bunches at 25 cts. He put up his shingles, made of spruce timber, usual length & width - 55 coarses to the thous'd







FRIDAY, FEB'Y 1st Main stress of wind seemed to be rather S.E.'ly

Snowed considerably a short time towards noon - and then again sometime past noon - hailed in the bargain - all however amounted to anything but sleighing. Had wagg. rigged for drawing lumber & being accomp'd to near Saff'ds bridge by Mr Taylor who had business at young Sim Thayer's - proceeded to Woodford - conveying capt O. Abell from Savage's up to the Furnace - Found him rather opposed to the Tariff System - In favor of setting our Bank Edifice near the meeting house.

Mr Lyon with another man & 2 teams appeared to be very vigilantly employed in getting logs into his mill yard for sawing - expected to add to his stock 100 logs the present week. In consequence of the stream being frozen, had not started his mill a peg since I visited it last, so of course had to bargain specially for a load of other stuff - and after a long while got on a load of hemlock planks, about 1 foot wide & 2 inches thick, measuring 511 feet, ses'd at 55 cts pr hund. amounting to \$2.81 payable in cider or cid. brandy on demand - tried strenuously to get him to receive the whole in the latter article - he agreed to accommodate me in that way if he could consistently.

Mr Hollister with 2 men & three teams was warmly engaged in drawing logs to his mill. Alv Randall was in his employment. Had no misfortune to contend with on my way home. A boy about 10 yrs of age, son of Mr James Love in Algiers, rode with me excepting up the meeting house hill, from wid. Dewey's to Dr Swift's - never had been there before - seemed not so well informed as many boys of that age.

In my absence Dr Swift had made application per Ed H. to have me subscribe for him to the Bank. Before night Mr Taylor returned with 16 bags rye from Thayers' - the amount of his demand - learned that our friend Sam'l Thayer Jun was in trouble - his creditors had made some loud & sudden calls for which he was unprepared - the officer had read his hard decrees to him - in consequence of which his liberty was, as Mr T. understood limited to the confines of the jail yard. Father had commenced sawing & piling wood under the building usually denominated "The Wood House".

SATURDAY, FEB'Y 2d Wind continued S.E. Clouds appeared to threaten

some powerful storm - and in fact it was pretty uncomfortable in the evening as it rained & hailed before a roaring southeaster - the result however was not of a very serious nature. Settled off with Mr Stephen Taylor for six thousand of 15 inch spruce shingles by paying him \$9.25 money - 28-1/2 lbs cheese - \$2.00 - transportation of 3 M. from the foot of Pownal Hill pr S.W. Daniels - 75 cents - making in full \$12.00. Gave him a \$10 Rutland B'k note which he could not change here, but did it in Pown'l & sent back pr Daniels 75 cents which made it exactly right between him & me. Proposed if I wanted them hereafter to deliver me, at Smith's in Adams or any other public place in that neighborhood, shingles of first quality, warranted, 55 courses to the thous'd, at one dollar fifty cents, cash. Sylvanus returned with his charge in safety P.M. and immediately departed for home. Father continued working at the wood.

After a numerous train of minute transactions including that of clearing my face partially of beard - prepared to go to town - conveyed to S. H.





Brown one side of cheese - weighing 14-3/16 lbs for which & 1 bhl Bkwht deliv'd 19 Jan'y at 38 cts he gave me an order on Brown & Fay's store for \$1.41 goods. He also presented me a large package which he desired me to keep for the greater security against fire. I asked him how it would be in case our house should be destroyed in that way - he replied that he possessed the originals - only did it as a precautionary thing - I assented to it without the least hesitation - promised to call & take it on my return from the Village - however I did not because being with company, it escaped my memory until being so far past his house as to make it inconvenient to go back for it - thought I would attend to it another day. At Hick's saw much company - many, they said, were from Brattleboro. Saw Heman Wickwire who was enquiring for a chance to sell a lot of lumber. Walked up stairs, saw Dr N. Swift who informed me that he had wished me to sign for him, but by reason of my absence yesterday, had recourse to another man - had got in all his money - asked him how it would be about letting money to me along in the early part of the season? - he presumed he could accommodate me. Saw several large packages of Buffalo skins for sale, or rather they were consigned to Davis & partner of Albany whose name I do not recollect.

In advancing up gen R's hill met E. Montague who informed me he had signed for ten shares in the Bank, if I mistake not - talked with him respecting the hayseed spoken of 8th inst Nov - thought he should ere long proceed to the N. wanted a memorandum of the quantity required, which I promised to furnish, he would procure s'd seed & pay for it to answer a demand we held against him - as mentioned p. 22. At the P.O. and Brick House spent the remainder of the P.M. heard the rattling and chinking of ho small quantity of specie - Jo N. Plank if I am correct put in for three shares - Mr Daniel Breckenridge for 10 shares if my memory be correct - Mr Vail & Son's bo't likewise, but to what am't am unable to state. At Hicks' didn't enter the room were the subscriptions were rec'd - but at U.M.R's I did - Messrs Robinson & Patchin were managers. From what they said and what was understood from Manchester, it was conceded that about three times the amount required by Act of the Legislature would be signed for - that is that so much more than the amount of stock would be taken up.

With Col. M., Mr Vail & others talked respecting Jackson - the col defended him manfully, but could not say he was his choice for President. At Brown & Fay's - B. being present bo't 1-4/16 lbs tea at 75 with my order - B. wanted I should buy \$25. worth today - as much more to morrow & soon - and then he would purchase my cheese of me next fall. All this I concluded must be very fine, but could not quite agree to it. Barna's Wood was there some part of the time doing business with some one - they passed receipts, but as B. & F. said after their visit - each had signed & taken up the wrong receipt. Young Jesse Norton was present and a good deal tickled at the blunder. Came with Mr Winship down to Black' & Co's - bo't 1 hair comb, price 21 cents booked - saw Jonas F. Billing, W. Bates & others - In front of the store there was a gathering of pretty low company, among whom noticed Mr Solomon's. Some affair of honor had been settled, or rather some little squabble occurred which resulted in marking one man's face with blood - & he was flying about trying to obtain a writ for the apprehension of his antagonist - we did not wait to know the result.

Rec'd a bundle of garments cut out by T. Hendryx for







for my father - marched for home accompanied by Winship & W. Bates - the latter informed me that his brother Jo had engaged a school for a year at Spiegle Town, N.Y. of select scholars - to be kept by the quarter - to commence shortly. Invited W. to pay us a visit, he promised he would. Ought to have added to what is set down as passing at S.H. Brown that Miss M. & Miss B. Street were engaged in their calling there - paid the latter in full for her services at our house early in Jan'y - \$1.33

Passed the evening reading the Gazette of Jan. 29 & in napping - Nelson Duncan being here to procure a garment made by Diadama for Cornelia Eldred - on account of the lateness of the hour when it would be completed - stabled his horse & tarried all night. Dama entered her 29th year this day.

Furnace blew out this day, as was reported.

SUNDAY, FEB'Y 3d Unusually warm - & pleas't for the sea'n. Wond S: a part of the time pretty fair and clear - soft & muddy. Miss D. Harwood was gallanted to the sanctuary by a gentleman 38 years in advance of her as to age - walking with a firm manly step - they were elegantly seated in our green lhorse wagg & his name was nothing more nor less than Benj. Harwood. P'r him sent an order to E. Montague to purchase for us a quantity of clover & herdsgrass s'd. ( of the latter 1-1/2 bbls less than is inserted under date of Nov 8 - p. 1st) when on his journey to the N.

Besides writing had a little time for examining the Cyclopoedia - & drily perusing newspapers & but little of it indeed.

H.W. ;aid his compliments & best respects to the house this eve.

MONDAY, FEB'Y 4 Fine day - wind N.W. clear - thawed up soft. The wood-pile was wrought upon - chopping, splitting & sawing p&r father and son - Capt S. Pratt Jun'r came to enquire respecting a lost trap and fox which some trespasser had, as he conceived taken to himself - We could give him no information whereby he could search out the offender. Mr Kent entertained me with some funny conversation under the wood shed while sawing wood this P.M. after grinding his chisel. Mr Ayres chopped a small quantity of wood to pay for a hollow bass log to sit up as a leach tub. Sylvanus rode to the P.O. to leave a billet ~~fer-me~~ from me to Montague ordering another bushel of herdsgrass seed - Did some other business - returned from D.S.'s with the Spect'r, N.Y., of Jan 22. Sally & Damia vis'd Mrs K.

TUESDAY, FEB'Y 5 Frozen dry in the morning, but ere night fair sunshine, which lighted up as much as 3/4 of the hours of this day, dissolved the mud of the highways into fine mortar. As the sun departed below the height Mt Anthony we observed it to be, as viewed from our house, at the south end of what is usually called the "Bald Hill".

The business of the 4th continued with the addition of the removal from the house to the barn the last l'd of lumber Bro't from Woodford

At night we number two young lambs in the meadow with the flock besides





another in the barn which last was dropped Jan 31. We were favored with the company & conversation, while at work in the early & middle part of the day, of W. Green, Jun., G. Robinson & S.H. Brown. The first occupied the ground the longest - the latter gents had been up to reconnoiter the "Street Lot" - Various topics were touched upon - Mr G. much on old affairs, such as his buying with his cousin Martin Lawrence his pine lot in Pownal, which led to a kind of history of the manner in which Gen Josiah Wright & his old coadjutor David Page managed to get away men's farms &c &c.

Friend Sam H. informed us that Aaron Robinson, J. S. Robinson and others had preferred a claim against the estate of the late Capt M. Robinson Esq amounting to 50,000 dollars - Fine business for Lawyers - Our friend said it was his determination to put a stop to any further litigation with his cous. J. E. Hinman - it was of no use - could never recover anything of him although his demand upon him am'd to not less than \$1500.

As to farming, his opinion was in favor of either growing fine wool, rearing grand horses worth \$150., at three y'rs old, or mules which he considered equally as profitable.

Miss D. Harwood paid her respects to Mrs Rogers - Algiers.

Searched my Journal for October 1816 and found the marriage of Burrell Green to Laura Jewett recorded on the 30th of said month. Sylvanus and Adeline seemed spiritedly engaged in learning to spell & define words in Bentley's Instructor - as well as to write.

WEDNESDAY, FEB'Y 6 Continued to thaw - a Storm appeared to be gathering in the S - and if my recollection be accurate commenced raining late in the day.

Business continued the same as on the 5th - Sold to Uncle C. Harwood 5 qts brandy on acc't - talked with him respecting the kind of stuff to buy for siding to our contemplated cider house - which he said should be spruce - and when nailed on, ought to be matched together.

Mr Ayres very industriously wrought upon a basswood hollow log until he prepared it for a leach tub - laid it aside to be transported the first convenient occasion to his house.

This evening read the curious and interesting Trial of Timothy B. Redmond of N. York, at the Court of Sessions, for Forgery - and after a patient investigation by court & jury - was by the latter honorably acquitted - David Ware the principal witness against him appeared to be a most accomplished & brazen faced villian. It seems too that his story must be a good deal of it true, but related to another person who resembled Mr R. and to cover his knavery had assumed his name.

In mentioning our friend Sam H. & his cous. J.E.H. was not correct respecting the \$1500 - that he expected to recover - but what he tho't of losing was personal property belonging to the estate of his late g'd mother which the latter carried off to Utica & for which there was no security - nothing that he could get hold of for its recovery.





THURSDAY, FEB'Y 7 Rained considerably in the early part of the day - wind heavy from the S. - a long intermission ensued in the fall of rain - but sometime P.M. the wind hauled round to the N. and for a short period it rained & hailed with some fury - afterward partially cleared up and became calm - but little frost remain'd in the gr'd - state of the roads very bad in regard to travelling. No essential variation in reg'srd to business. A walk was made of hemlock plank and boards most of the way from the house to the barn. Sold to Rockwood pr his brother, 2 cheeses, weighing together 56 lbs - charged at 7 cts on book - hated to do it - was under no obligation so to do - the young fellow fairly twisted it out of me - was not to be called on for pay until fall - See Jan'y 12 -

Read Cong. Debates this evening - felt some warmth against the hot heads of the South, Mr Drayton &c.

FRIDAY, FEB'Y 8 Mild, tolerably cloudy in the former p't of the day P.M. more pleasant - wind N.W. Mud extremely deep. Same business continued. 2 o'clock P.M. visited our District School under Mr Southworth. There was a reading exercise in the testament - 12th St John's Gospel, Eng. Reader - Prose & Poetry - do not recollect the titles of the pieces exactly - one, a very hard one, for almost any reader, more especially for those wanting knowlege & experience, giving an acc't of the death of a young Nobleman of pleasure - from Dr Young - Shepherd & Philosopher - from Gay & one or two more pieces from Pope - and then they ended with reading in the Am. Instructor a Description of the Drunkard - What is Time & Youth". Their performance was quite tolerable for such youngsters & in one or two instances quite extraordinary. The mode in which the business was managed was calculated to raise their ambition to excel in this difficult but very useful, pleasing & instructive art. As one finished reading a sentence, another on the opposite side was requested to offer objections - and they could very readily & pointedly render them. I found it much easier in this place to point out defects in others than to perform elegantly ourselves.

After the dismissal of the School & Mr S's getting ready at Mr Fay's - returned here accompanied by him. Supper over we rode in the one h. wagg. - horse hardly able to drag us through the mud, to Hicks' where we alighted, made secure our charge under the horse shed - walked to the P.O. - saw Col M., Judge S. Robinson & our good friend Sol. Clark who was engaged in his calling - they passed some few jokes.

I looked at the Introduction to Shakespeares Othello. S. selected such books as he liked from C's library.

Attended to business at Childs' and elsewhere - I visited U.M.R8s saw & conversed with N. Noyes, Joel Rice, Saff'd Rob., & B. Sears. Mr N. said he was born at Groton, Conn., Feb'y, if I mistake not, 1781. - his father died in 1791.





Returning with Mr S. down the hill - called at Corning's store to buy a pair of cheap snuffers - handed down such as were worth 25 cents, but these being of a description too high, declined purchasing.

Nobody present excepting Mr E. Safford, & his friend Mr Jacob Pool

Seated ourselves in wagg. at Hicks', slowly crept along to Dr N. Swift's - Borrowed Spect'r Jan'y 29 & Feb 1st - Virginia anti-Jackson Address - the D'r liked it very much - After getting home read the same to father, who liked it to excess.

Died very suddenly on the 6th inst., P.M., Mrs Mariah, amiable consort of Capt M. S. Norton in the 26th year of her age. Her funeral was attended this P.M.

SATURDAY, FEB'Y 9 Wind very chilly and heavy from S.W. - cl'dy. 6e<sup>m</sup>

Commenced raining moderately P.M. continued more or less until evening when I believe it ceased - but the wind changed not in its direction nor was it less cloudy than during the day - Snow nearly all melted away in low lands - Quite remarkable thus far as a mild open winter. The navigation of Hudson River perhaps less interrupted by ice and more improved during the present season than since its first discovery.

Splitting, piling & sawing wood was pursued until it rained, after which shelling corn at the house employed B. Harwood, while H. H. busied himself in laying a floor of planks between the W. cow-stable and may-mow. Cousin Horatio Stone came up from Algiers to stay with us over night - Miss Martha, daughter of Capt E. Waters, paid our Adeline a visit. Diadama arrived from Mr Rogers' in Algiers sometime before noon - related many curious particulars concerning some late curious occurrences in that busy quarter of the town - particularly that of the separation of Mr Decker and wife - the latter absconded, in consequence as generally supposed of the unhappy & most violent mistaken interference of her wicked mother, from his bed & board - without any well founded cause (for he was represented as very kind and affectionate) - taking up her residence at her father's - J. Richmond's - had not been married more than two years - had 1 child, aged say four months - Mr D. was at length under the absolute necessity of posting her to save being unnecessarily run in debt.

SUNDAY, FEB'Y 10 Wind and clouds continued driving up from the S. until past noon - had a pretty shower P.M. - wind commenced blowing from N.W. - snowed slightly in the evening - heavy wind followed - Uncommonly bad travelling in all directions. Father & Diadama were two of Rev. Daniel A. Clark's hearers. I completed the usual writing task - read papers & some light articles in the Cyclo poedia. Cousin Horatio departed towards Algiers tow'ds evening - promised us another visit at a convenient period.

H. W. here. That man engaged to perform a job of painting for us ere long - seemed to be in fine spirits.





MONDAY, FEB'Y 11 Grew cold all day - very high N.W. w'd - frequent little snow showers - ground frozen up extremely rough. Resumed the business of last week. Sylvanus went off to Pownal this evening - staid all night. For entertainment during the evening read Plutarch's Life of Paulus Emilius who defeated Perseus the Macedonian Monarch at Pydna near the foot of Mt Olympus.

TUESDAY, FEB'Y 12 Continued extremely severe - high w'd N.W. pretty clear. Assisted at the business mentioned above until past noon - and then after the usual tardy rate got ready to go away on business - Meantime Mrs Waters made her appearance with the view of paying us a visit. Marched by way of M. Green's, commonly called the Lawrence place, to the house formerly occupied by the venerable Henry Walbridge - and afterwards by his son David - now the residence of a Mr Pool - who hires it & the farm of Mr A. Harmon, to see if I could hire a dairy maid belonging to the family of whom I had rec'd a good recommend. Mrs P. confirmed what I had previously understood - said she was now at Russia, N.Y. - had written not long since expressing a wish to return here - thought probable she would like well to engage her services to us - her husband would write immediately & when he rec'd an answer would inform me of the result. Something was said of the Briggs trying to hire her in the neighborhood where, or not far distant from the place at which she at present resided. I considered it therefore a matter of some uncertainty whether the prize would be obtained by me, especially as I do not count myself among the lucky ones.

Proceeded to Algiers - had S.W.D's boots mended and my own tinkered a little at J. Harwood's for 12-1/2 - saw filed by C. Harwood - bo't a hand-saw file at J. Norton Jr's on acc't price 0/9.

Spoke to J.B.Norton respecting the school money due C.Brown - said it should be paid at short notice. Saw Sam Loomis and others with 4 loads stone were returning from an unsuccessful attempt to cross the mountain on the Windham Turnpike - found it dangerous on account of ice - only went a little way beyond Woodward's - old Diver place - Rather against the Major. Came home by way of Dr N. Swift's - borrowed Spect. of Feb'y 5 which gives an account of the failure of the Celebration at New Orleans, Jan 8th - Ohio Canal Report &c.

S.W.D. off again to Pownal.

Would just mention seeing considerable company at the store of J. Morton - among those recollected were young Mr Harwood, carpenter & joiner who a few days before had solicited the job of building a cider house - told him we should not at present undertake - must postpone it until we were better prepared. Old Mr Godfrey, Geo. Jun'r, Job Burt, E. B. Ptatt &c.





WEDNESDAY, FEB'Y 13 Cold and freezing this morning, afterwards a severe S. wind started up which altho' it was pretty chilly, tended to soften & moderate the keenness of the weather. Clear morning, but cloudy P.M. and evening. Pursued business as heretofore. Mr S. our School Preceptor called here this evening a short time & informed us of the very sudden death of De Witt Clinton Gov. of the State of N.York on Monday the 11th inst. No particulars excepting it being a paralytic stroke. Read some account of Pelopidas this evening. Edwin Robinson came up on business - tarried over night. Had a cheese broached for our own consumption weighing 33 lbs.

THURSDAY, FEB'Y 14 Clouds thick, wind N. toward eve'g wind hauled round E. Most extraordinary rough travelling. Sawed wood until noon, then in the usual modrate style got ready to leave home. My lady accomp'd by cous. Marg't, who had not before ventured to ride abroad, travelled in the one horse wagg. to our uncle S. Robinson's. I walked to Algiers - called upon C. Harwood for an order upon the store of S. Hinsdill - was not prepared for giving it. Visited the store of J. Norton Jr - obtained from J.B.N. his prices for beef rec'd since Jan 22d - also got him to take a minute of money due C. Brown on School Bill \$15.73 - said something respecting interest - thought he ought not to pay it, but if our friend insisted upon it, would not hesitate about handing it over - told him I thought probable I should visit C.B. in the course of next week & would want the money on s'd obligations to pay to him - engaged to have it ready for me on Sunday if I should call. Saw one of the twin Crawfords there, drunk as I supposed. Old Mr Godfrey was present also. Since I am speaking of Algerines let me record the marriage of Capt Jacob Safford, of Revolutionary and Bennington Battle memory, 75 years of age, to widow Elizabeth Thurston on Sunday the 10th inst. Marched by way of Capt Hills' on the road leading N. - was overtaken by W. Love who was employed by Capt. Safford in drawing wood with horses & wagg. - he drove slow abd we talked very busily on many different subjects - such as Abell & Savage building S. Pratt's Jr house - repairing S.H. Brown's - Hammond's turning away B. Taft & others for voting against him last September Election &c. Left him a few rods W. of the former residence of Nathan'l Spencer Place - crossed over the fields to the main road near the new brick house of C. Cushman - Proceeded to E. Montague's - thence along the Furnace brook a number of rods - crossed the stream to place where Black Joel was chopping on Mr Cushman's land - spoke with him - steered onwards towards the river - being arrived on the shore opposite Sam'l Robinson place Sen'rs - uncle S. had the goodness to drive the horse abd wagg. over to my assistance, and although the mare was afraid of the ice at the edge of the water, yet the business was accomplished without much trouble. Steered off immediately to the Flax machine mentioned Jan. 16 - Rec'd 2/3ds of lbs 103-3/4 flax, well dressed to appearance.

Young Rosier a grandson of Deacon Slye appeared to be the chief director - about 21 years of age - associated with a man about 40 - the former seemed to think I must be 55. Returned to uncle S.R's - only





waited long enough for Sally to get ready and was away for home, being late in the day - mother very unwell at home - hastened our return - Called for the Dr at his residence - was not within - had just returned from a jaunt to Pownal on foot - had walked up street - a few rods this side the house met Sylvanus coming after him - directed him to be very vigilant in hunting him up & causing him to pay mother a visit - On our arrival found her very ill - waited until half past 8 in the eve'g - no Doct yet - marched immediately to his house - he was not there - had returned from the Street and been called to the assistance of Mrs Hubbell, the wife of James A. Esq - sat a few moments - he soon came & without waiting to sit down - accompanied me home across lots - a way n not of his choice - gave mother a puke, but which did not seem to produce much effect - distress unremoved - 2 o'clock in the morning went for him again - he came without hesitation & his measures produced almost immediate relief. Much praise is due this faithful physician for his promptitude and kindness on this occasion in particular as well as on many others.

By Mr Abner Noble whom I saw in Algiers was informed of the death of his aged father on the morning of the 13th inst., aged 89 years in Oct. last - having been one of the earliest settlers in Pownal - His Christian name was Eli - his brother John died only 15 days previous aged 80. Levi Lawrence, son of Mr Sol Lawrence, departed this life after a lingering illness on the inst. - his remains were this day interred. Mrs Norton, amiable consort of Capt M.S.N. whose death I recorded on the 13th left an infant son about 3 or 4 hours old. Her husband was almost frantic with despair on account of his irreparable loss.

FRIDAY, FEB'Y 15 Cloudy, chilly, wind rather S.E. Snowed lightly P. M. & evening. Working up wood was continued. Visited Safford & Co's grist mill - left 4 bbls rye & 1-1/2 do corn - talk was heard of the present proprietors selling out the gr. mill & privileges appendent, to Savage & Abell for say \$2000. Procured a trifling quantity of flax-seed for mother at the oil mill - Visited J. Norton's store - bo't on credit 2 lbs gr'd logwood & 1 yr bl. s. braid f ormer at 6" - 13" - latter 4. Overheard old Mr Pratt & a gentleman that I took to be Mr Cutler Sen. talking of the difficulties existing between Capt J. Safford & a young man who had worked for him a short time the past season - complained of (a) poor living &c - a charge very ill founded as every one acquainted with Capt S. & his late wife (not the present one) must needs know - this thing they said was referred to Capt's Chase & Hills - They mentioned Mr Decker's trouble with his wife & hired girl - suing the latter for removal of property, assault & battery &c. Returning home called at S.H.Brown & rec'd from his lady a certain parcel of papers which he requested me deposit in our desk as mentioned on the 2d inst. His lady promised with her husband & babe to pay us an evening visit - told her we should be very happy to wait upon them at our house - Saw Mrs Kent there.





Our company accordingly came over, being joined by Mrs Kent - and the evening was very pleasantly talked away in a most friendly & familiar style. S.H. complained of fatigue in bringing over his family, his fair healthy, chub of a son.

SATURDAY, FEB'Y 16 Moderate cloudy & thawy - wind S. - very calm -  
 Visited Woodford - At the saw-mill of Mr Lyon learned that Mr Lyon had been very unfortunate on the preceding day in attempting to get some logs out of the woods N.W. of his mill, for the purpose of sawing - wounding himself badly with an axe in one of his feet, also one of his oxen in one his feet very seriously. After some hesitation as to quality of stuff, received my hemlock contracted for on the 2d of Jan'y - Assisted by Al Randall in loading - there being 1000 feet half inch. Found rough wheeling in Woodford. Returning here called at J.Norton's Jun store - rec'd 13-1/4 lbs fresh beef on cr. - J.B. not present - saw old Mr G. - likewise J.Rog who was pleasant & facetious. A.Waters accompanied me from the Capt's to our house & performed a job of painting cheese tubs & milk pails - price of paint stuffs, 53" - would exact nothing for his personal services. Dr Swift visited mother Friday night m'g & this morning.

SUNDAY, FEB'Y 17 Very fine indeed - resembling the weather of March or April - in all probability favorable to the business of making maple sugar. Employed at the old business - had time to view the Cyclopoedia sufficient to examine the Biographical sketches of Dr's Price & Priestly - from which it appears that they were both of them eminent Philosophers & great advocates in the cause of Civil liberty - favored the French Revolution - in consequence of which & other causes the latter had to quit his country, ending his days in Pennsylvania.

My father for good reasons did not attend Public Worship, but S.W. Daniels, Lydia & Sally supplied his place. Cous. Margaret returned here this morning, being waited upon by cous. N. Robinson who did not take time to come into the house, but hastened back to give attendance at the Sanctuary. Dr Swift again visited mother - related some queer circumstances respecting his man Moony - which not a little entertained his hearers. F.W. here this eve'g - had according to his statement assisted in peeling & eating 1/2 bhl onions for supper at Dr H. Swift's.

MONDAY, FEB'Y 18 Rather warm - very cldy - wind S. - deep mud - commenced raining moderately towards the conclusion of the day - in the evening pured down pretty bountifully - wd S.E. The lumber mentioned on Saturday was unloaded & stuck up in the usual way for seasoning. Father rived out & sharpened a quantity of oaken stakes for fence. My chief employ't consisted in clearing some of the rubbish or whatever it may be termed, out of the barn & fashioning 2 twenty inch shallow tubs prepared from hollow basswood logs.

Wm Campbell one of our boarders in 1820, being on his return from a visit to his mother, with another young man going to Sunderland, made us a short friendly call this morning. Sally assisted by Mrs Ayres hatchilled a quantity of flax. Dr Swift visited mother.





TUESDAY, FEB'Y 19 Rained in the night, leaving very deep mud in high-ways & all places where much passing was necessary. Past ten wind changed to west - rained some - evening became cold, froz slightly - w'd N.W. Visited Saff'ds mill with wagg. & long reaches the same as when going to the saw mill - there were many persons who came to the mill and went away again within a little while - Went to view A. Harwood's cow - she appeared to me to be pretty light - could however discover nothing that should make her less than what she was recommended. As I returned to the mill, & being about ready to leave, missed my leathern mittens - made search in vain for them - recollected once leaving them in an exposed situation from which I was pretty sure I had removed them, but at last on being informed of the characters of some youngsters who had been present, concluded they were hooked & so came away grumbling and muttering at myself for suffering my natural heedless disposition to so far predominate as to prevent me from cramming those things into my pocket - felt quite chagrined on reflecting how often & how foolishly I had lost property for want of due care. Met J. Rogers near the store of J. Norton Jr - conversed with him a mom't - he informed me how nervous & active his brother Horatio was - that he could handle any of the young fellows of his size quite easily. Had business at the store where I bo't 10 lbs wh't flour ar 4 cts & 1/2 do rice at 6" amounting to 43 cts on Cr. deliv'd by David Squires - J.B. N. not present. Young Whipple, H. Hall, J. Crawfoot & others were seen there, but there was not a great influx of company - John Harbour wanted to buy cider - must have it racked & deliv'd in Woodford at \$1.00 pr bbl - asserting that he could get it at that rate - I signified my dissent from terms so hard.

Came to Dr Swift's and got the Spect'r of Feb. 12 in which much is published of Cong. Debates on Retrenchment - the Darling & first born of the celebrated Mr Chilton from Kentucky.

Arrived here after past noon after having delivered a small grist at Mr K's. Late P.M. Dr Swift came to pay mother a visit & informed me of the villany of Elder Savary of Shaftsbury by which he had in various instances most cruelly & wantonly wrecked & wrested from his neighbors a number of heavy sums of money - under the sanctity of his profession had obtained fraudulently the name of our good friend J.B. Norton by which he got \$100 from gov. Tichenor, and the former may whistle for his security.

This eve. read Cyclopoedia - Article "Plough". Our wood business slowly advanced. Mittens found among bags at Mr K's.

WEDNESDAY, FEB'Y 20 Warm, cloudy & muddy - wd S. - Business continued as heretofore. Mrs Robinson, ~~the-neighbor-of~~ the lady of neighbor G.R. paid our ladies a visit. Mr Ayres complaining of his lame shoulder - and Mr Kent also complaining of a bad cold - severally & jointly entertained us with their company.





THURSDAY, FEB'Y 21 Rainy, unpleas't, wind S. during several hours of the former part of the day - P.M. the sun shone forth awhile but the mud was too deep to think of calling it pleasant. Father was ill. I found employment at the barn some part of the day - at other times read sketches of Congressional Debates on Mr Chilton's Resolutions to Mr Kent and my father - snaked out logs from the wood-pile ready to be worked up. Sidney Ripley paid Sylvanus an evening visit. Henry Robinson our cousin visited upon Diadamia to his brother U.M's to do a piece of work in her line. I think it is likely the Cyclopoedia employed me this evening on the history of the Pope of Rome. Dr Swift again visited mother.

FRIDAY, FEB'Y 22 Cold & freezing - however not sufficiently strong to prevent horses & cattle travelling the highways from breaking through into the deep mud. Father continued ill. My chief business besides looking to the stock &c was laying a plank floor over that part of the E. bay which had been cleared of hay - but the ~~hay~~ hay was not yet consumed fully which had occupied that space - it was removed out of the way & lasted until the succeeding Sunday, A.M. The N. division of the E. mow remained almost entire - Considered thst up t to the 24th we possessed more than half our hay, besides a decent supply of loose fodder. Commenced feeding cows with oil meal on the 14th at the rate of something over 2 qts pr head - See p. 22 - and Jour'l 1827 March 5 & dates there referred to.

SATURDAY, FEB'Y 23 Clear and pleas't wind N.W. pretty str'g. We pretty closely pursued the business of cutting, riving out & sawing & piling wood - nearly all of which was rock maple - a ~~kin~~ kind not very plenty in our pile this year. Dr Swift paid mother a visit. Elder Savary had restored to J.B.Norton who had pursued & overtaken him the sum which he was likely to lose by him - he also returned to town & did the same by others. Mr Bliss yesterday came to visit us and to see if he could procure another cat to supply the place of that which he had been obliged to kill on account of its having been accidentally caught in a trap whereby it was so cruelly wounded as to preclude the distant hope of its recovery - Rec'd the same here when a kitten - but we could not now supply him. My uncle C. visited us this day - rec on credit 1 pt brandy - marched to Capt W's late P.M. Mr Ayres made a short halt returning from the gen's woods. Dr N. Swift said it was very bad travelling - especially on horseback.

SUNDAY, FEB'Y 24 Chilly & Cldy - a roaring S.E. wind late in the day bro't on a short snow storm whereby a coat of snow 5 or 6 inches thick covered the earth - Did not entirely cease snowing until sometime next morning. Cirsumstances were such that none from this house visited the sanctuary. Attended to books, newspapers, writing &c as usual. Friend Southworth supped with us , and as he





left for Mr Loomis', having been to church, I walked with him across lots to within a short distance of Maj. L. Norton's where I spent the evening - S. Loomis, Mr Fenton, Newt. Bates & others being present - Talked of roads - looked at the Road Act for 1827 - Heard my friend read Cooper's Hist. of America.

The death of Mrs Gibbons the wife of William G. & daughter of the late John Crawford was this day announced.

MONDAY, FEB'Y 25 Stormy morning, cldy, & chilly - all day wind N.W. Conveyed the children to school in the cutter - Sylvanus who did not return from visiting P. Hill on the 24th until this morning went the rounds with me. Saw Mr Wagar at the house of the late Eli Noble Esq grinding an axe - agreed with him to saw my logs at \$2.50 pr thousand, payable half in cheese - the remainder in brandy - the work to be performed at an early day. Mr Bennett offered to sell me some stone b't stuff which I did not choose to buy. Crossed over to the Curtis road by a crooked rough route leading by a certain clump of pines on the hill E. of W's and by the house of Josiah Noble the carpenter - went to the house of Capt A. Dimmick - the Capt. not at home, being at his friends Merchant's - talked awhile with Mrs D. who said if I mistake not that in April ensueing she should be 64 years old of age. Her son Abel had been confined much of the time by rheumatism - had been extremely anxious on account of the sum due me in boards which he erroneously computed at about \$21.00 - I assured her it was but little over thirteen - and so I told him afterwards, as he came in from his work. Friend Horace drove up with a load of wood - we conversed a few moments with him and then started to go down to Deac. M's to wait upon his father home, but meeting him on the way, soon returned.

I made known my business and the old gentleman replied that he had had the money on hand much of the time since last fall, but Deac. M. being hard pressed by the Curtis heirs, had lent a sum to him - could, however, accommodate me with a part of it at this time and would soon hand over the remainder. I agreed to accept of a demand on J.B. Norton amounting to thirty dollars for which I rec'd an order - he then paid the balance \$13.26 due on his note which I gave up to him. In making change there was due Capt D. 39 cents which according to his direction I afterwards had credited to him at the store of J. Norton Jr. Capt D. informed me that he was now in his 80th year. While friend Horace was preparing to go to mill and to visit Mr Greenslet on the mountain to obtain a quantity of rye - paid my respects to his lady & family - the babe





and the little boy next oldest appeared healthy & springtly - particularly the latter. Mrs D. complained of his being mischev~~i~~ous - at length our friend got ready & we followed him at a quick pace - he having 2 horses before his sleigh which was planned for 1 or 2 horses at the option of the user. The mare which we sold him 5th of Jan'y 1825 being one of his span. For the remainder of the pay for said beast I was to look to Abel Dimmick Jun'r - talked some of receiving a quantity of 2 inch planks, hemlock, to be sawed out of logs 10 ft in length but finally proposed to suspend my order on that head until I should see them again - On the road to Algiers called at Mr Pooles to enquire whether they had written the young lady mentioned on the 12th inst - Mr P. said he had - drank some cider and returned to my cutter - arrived in Algiers - halted at the store of J.Norton Jr - J.B.Norton entered an acceptance on the back of my order from Capt D. - he likewise paid me the sum, without interest, due on the School Committee note of C.Brown, \$15.73 - with an understanding that if he strenuously exacted interest I would pay it & he should refund the same to me. He said if it had been money he personally or in his private dealings had owed to Mr B. he should have no hesitation as to handing over said interest, but it was a business by which he must unavoidably lose, and had lost, besides receiving a flat denial of any assistance from his colleague - J.Lyon Esq - thought in justice he ought to be excused the payment thereof - would have been glad to see B. Squires, but he was gone to the funeral of Mrs Gibbons if I rightly recollect -

Drove for the Court House hill - overtook & conveyed to U.M.R's our uncle C. Harwood with tools on his back going to work for D. Rutten but making sashes for the new Factory house of S. Hinsdill Esqr.

Made short calls at the P. Office and U.M's - saw Col. M. and on putting the usual questions rec'd for answer that he had nothing, nor could he promise anything excepting that I should lose nothing by him. Seeing our Tin manufacturer at the Post O. , Mr Deming, obtained leave to take at his shop a spit, cov'd, at 58" payable at such time as I should choose.

Drove down the hill and performed business accordingly - Called at Hall & Blackmer's - Capt H. not within but gone on business to Shaftsbury. At Chandler's seeing Lawson Gleason gave him a polite invitation to come up with his brethren to assist in chopping our wood pile - he replied that they could not come while this snow lasted. Well, then, I told him any time during the month of March would answer.

Near the end of the day when arrived at the old establishment. Dr Swift had visited mother.

TUESDAY, FEB'Y 26 Cold & pleas't in the morning - became hazy - rather warm from 11 to 3 P.M. after which it was cldy & chilly - wind south - storm expected - S.W.Daniels at (4) at 3 loads drew 5 logs from this house to Wagar's mill - formerly the property of Mr Hatch - the two first with horses & oxen - the last with the horses only - the log being maple 9 feet in length - the others bass - first & second I assisted to unload. While he was gone for the latter visited the house





of our late neighbor Esqr Bates whom we met this morning going up the road with 2 geese in a basket - carried on a joke concerning his great estates, his tenants, store in Algiers, cider sealers &c &c. he claimed to be Cider Sealer for the County of Bennington. Found Mrs B. & daughter in health - the former quite sociable - She wanted to buy cheese - agreed to sell her some for money - Saw a curious Catechism which ran by course through the Old and New Testaments - Became weary of waiting for the return of Daniels - undertook to walk until I should meet - was overtaken by young Daniel Church who invited me to ride in his cutter with him - accepted of the invitation but proceeded but a few rods when the team of D. hove in sight - so I alighted and returned to the mill to assist him. The business was soon accomplished - were however impeded in our endeavor to leave the mill yard by the ungenerous and ill mannered conduct of some of the good people of Staunton Hill in leaving three teams at the bar way while they went to get something to drink at the Bar of Mr W. - when they knew we were immediately to follow in that direction, there being no other passage by which we could get out, when only by driving 2 rods ahead they would have completely cleared the way. This I performed myself - got along without difficulty - merely mentioned it to show the spirit of accommodation by which a part of mankind is actuated. Previous to quitting the mill Mr W. let me have 4 pieces of scantling to make up for a remnant I left there on the 4th of July last, of which he informed me Sept 29 and in search of which while I was gone for his 2nd l'd removed several hundred feet of boards in vain - Mr W. let us have his gall. jug to fill with brandy - agreed to do my sawing next after that of Aaron Potter, at the first good run of water - P's logs were fine looking oaks - drew most of them this day. Sylvanus went with the last load & the brandy unaccompanied by me.

We received the good company of J. Rogers, wife & eldest daughter, but Sally & myself were so much occupied with fixing our stove which had of late become wonderfully disordered, that we could get but little time to converse with them. After a pleas't little visit with the others tenants of this ancient dwelling they departed about sunset. This evening read Gordon's America about the period of the Declaration of Ind'ce. Father labored as usual at the wood pile.

WEDNESDAY, FEB'Y 27 Thick clds, heavy S. wind - Rained early in the morning & then powerfully P.M. - snow nearly all off by night. In the morning conveyed children to school.

Bo't of J. Norton Jr 16-1bs 1 bhl wint. wheat - enjoyed much pleasant conversation with him - paid him \$1. Rocjester money - Rec'd by J.B Norton for C. Brown, for the grain carried to Shaftsbury Safford's mill - conveted boots to be mended at the shop of J. Harwood - tarried awhile there - then faced about for home - Called the oil mill for 75 in money - Mr R. gone away - un





lucky - would have it for me, if they had to borrow it at the next call Continued advancing till arrived at Hicks's horse shed - for it began to rain - Found a man from Shelburne, Ms who had business at Arlington - had  $i/2$  doz very fine looking axes which he offered for sale at \$1.50 - was originally to convey them to Arlington but the thaw coming on wanted to get rid of them - made by Judd & Bingham - men extensively engaged in that business whom he knew - lived in the same place - was also acquainted with our cous. Joel Clark and my friend Mr Taylor of whom I bo't shingles in Jap. - said Mr T. with his family had removed from Monrow in order reside with his father-in-law - believed they were all well. Mr J.C. resided towards the N.E. while he resided in or near a village in S.W. quarter of the town. Said his name was Merrill.

Visited F.B. & Co's store with this gentleman - they made no bargain - walked over to Hall & Blackmer's - Saw H. & B., A. Robinson & Dr S. - they seemed to be debating on the question concerning the location of our Banking House. Mr Hall took up his note given Nov. 23 by paying \$12.79 int., inclusive, out of which I paid in the presence of those gentlemen to A. Robinson to apply on taxes in full for B. & H. Harwood the sum of \$11.95 - the share of the latter being 00.83".

Bro't Dr Swift in my cutter to his house - agreed with him for \$20.00 on Saturday next - on my way home the storm beat violently against my umbrella, nor did it cease until towards evening. Had not been long at home when Alanson Greenslet as wet as a rat drove with a load of charcoals, containing 108 bbls, from Romulus Walbridge - for which I paid in full \$6.50 pr G. who after receiving a little brandy by way of medicine to guard against the inclemency of the weather departed with his ocn & wagg. for home. We immediately secured the stuff as well as we could against the weather.

In the eve'g or rather late P.M. undertook with my wagg. & long reaches to drive to the school house in order to bring thence the children - took grists which I had bro't from the mill for Mr Manchester & Mr Ayres together with Mrs A. who came over to see about sending for theirs, not knowing that I had so done, and conveyed them to their places of destination. Beyond the Blue Hill met the neighbor's children coming home - asked no questions - expecting to find ours either at the S. house or at some of the neighboring houses - but I missed of them for they came home across lots - so I continued round to J. Norton Jun's - was not at his house - returned to the Distillery & found him there.

W. Smith was at work with him as usual. P. Green, aunt Eunice's man was also present. Besides talking of a variety of subjects bargained with J.N. Jr for 10 bbls wint. wheat at \$1. pr bhl - payable certainly by the 20th of May and if I could without sacrificing too much must pay by the first of April - must give the going price at the time of delivery if not below \$1., that being his lowest rate.

Spent the evening reading Revolutionary History.

On Tuesday the 26th saw E. Carpenter who said he would pay me the 45 cents - See p. 26.





THURSDAY, FEB'Y 28 Cold, high chilling winds & some snow flying from N.W, rough & very unpleasant teavelling . my father wen tto J.Norton Jrs, transported the afrementioned wheat to Safford's mill - performed some other minor business & returned by about mid-day - but here I am making a great & particular blunder - I proceeded this morning to J.Norton Jr's myself - met Mr Southworth on horseback bound N. having dismissed his school until Monday next - Being arrived at J. N's and proceeding in the measurement of the grain so fsr as to put up 2 b/hls, finding it too foul had to suspend the business until another day. J. wanted to be absent this P.M. to attend the meeting of stockholders of Bennington Bank for the purpose of choosing Directors.

I proceeded to Algiers - visited Safford's mill and made a particular agreement for grinding my grain - coming from that place called at the store of J. Norton Jun'r. Received payment in full from B.Squires & gave up my obligation of \$3.28. Saw J.B.Norton & others preparing & actually riding to the Bank meeting. Rec'd on cr of J.B. 4-1/2 lbs fresh beef at 5" pr lb. Returned home past noon - joined in the business of working up the woodpile - of hollow basswoods made one tub such as is mentioned on the 18th and 2 troughs set up on legs by splitting in twain a log about 8 ft. long. Daniels assisted in this day's employment about the wood-pile.

The Stockholders of the Bank made choice of the following gentlemen for Directors:

Joseph Bevoe,	Manchester.
Martin Deming,	Arlington.
N. H. Bottum,	Shaftsbury.
N Swift,	
D. Robinson Jun'r,	
S. Hinsdill,	
L. Norton,	Bennington.

I would mention that not having taken minutes of this day, & lying over until Sunday, occasioned blunders at the head of this page - the weather as described above is that of Friday, and this day was fair over head - thawed considerable although chiefly chilly - became pretty cold at night.

FRIDAY, FEB. 29 For weather see the top line & the last sentence above - and part of this day's business will be found in the commencement of the account of yesterday - our coals were secured by Sylvanus & me in the smoke house. P.M. all hands were employed about the wood. On Thursday carried 8 bhl's coals to fr'd Winship - charged him 50" for the coals & 17" for transportation. Gave me a St Albans \$1 Bk note, could not pay the change; promised to forward to him the first opportunity. Dr N.Swift vis'd mother; told some B'k stories.

SATURDAY, MARCH 1 Very freezing & c'd in the m'g, handsome & pleas't P M. The wood advanced as usual; Sylvanus drew some app. tree w'd for T.Kent which was produced in one of our orch'ds, the latter afterwards chopped wood to pay for it. Mr Southworth arrived here this m'g from a short tour in Hoosick, White Cr'k &c. Last eve'g he had the mis





fortune to be thrown from his beast, G.House's sorrel, at a little distance N. of the house of Mr James Henry by which the creature made his cape to the no small injury of himself - Entered the above named house, found that he was pretty seriously bruised - Mrs H. & her people were very kind & good to him - tarried all night - and this morning Mr Henry had the goodness to wait upon him in his waggon to our house. Mr H. had never visited this spot since Aug. 16 1777 when a boy about 9 years of age, being sent with his mother and others of his family & effects for fear of the enemy. He would receive no compensation from our friend for his trouble - departed after a short tarry. Mrs P. Waters paid a good long visit to our ladies & to mother in particular. P.M. Mr Justin Martindale Sen'r on his way from White C., N.Y. to his eldest son's in Pownal paid us a short visit - rec'd a letter from his son Justin at Baten-Regue Boston last July. Diadamia with Hopkins visited Mrs Andrews & family all day. Late P.M. after the usual dilatory mode of getting ready, visited the Hill - marched through the farms of S.H.Brown, N. Swift, V.D.Spiegel & gen. D. Robinson - near the barn of V.D.S. looked at a small stock of cattle - saw some boys playing ball - there was one black fellow among them. At the P.O. saw the Albany Stage start away - Saw D. Clark who was not ready to take up his note - saw Sol. his brother, Steph. Rob., Mr Rouse, Mr Poole, Capt J.Hicks, E.Montague, F. Kelly & others - M. & Capt. H. agreed to leave out their accounts to Darius & Heman Robinson for adjustment.

M. spoke of the hayseed - did not know when he should get to his brother-in-laws in Rupert - Dudn't know but that he should go to Troy and buy his seed there. Mentioned that it was probable he should go there on Monday next. I requested he would enquire the price of barley & cheese, and told him if he did not furnish the seed he would pay the money on the small note I held against him. He rather shuffled about, but did not altogether refuse. Mr Kelly said he should continue on the farm of Mr Harmon - would have to dispose of about 20 cows on the first of April ensu'g.

Left a billet from Diadamia to cousin Emily at U.M.R's - came down the Hill - called at Corning's - had not got what I wanted - walked to F.B.& Co's - they were likewise destitute of s'd article - bo't & pd for 1 sk. bl'k silk 6" - Came to Dr N. Swift's - the Doctor was busy with gentlemen - he came to me with a parcel of papers - I reminded him of the money - he went to get it for me - I intruded myself upon the gent. in other room - found them to be Bank Directors - S.Hinsdill & L. Norton Esq's. The letter said he was from home on foot and at the conclusion of business would accompany me on my way home if I would wait for him, which I agreed to. During this interval Mrs S. & her son & daughter amused themselves much at the expence of Moony who talked a good deal respecting drunkards - my stay in the keeping room was short - felt the impropriety of going there - cleared for the kitchen as soon as the Doctor had delivered





me said money (20 doll's) for which I requested him to draw a note that I might sign, but he said it was no matter at present. At the end of, perhaps, an hour the major was ready to walk with me, but before we could get to Sam H. Brown's a l h. wagg. hailed the Maj. and a lengthy conference ensued between him & 2 other gentlemen that, from their voices, I took to be Capt. O. Abell & B. Squires - was at such distance as not to eavesdrop but presumed the business related to something respecting the Bank. They at length released the good Maj. pursuing their course for town, while my friend & I hobbled along over the coarse hobs towards our respective homes - something was said between us just as we parted touching the contemplated alteration of the main road in this neighborhood - I told him if he were anxious for it - he was the very one that would do it - that is, himself & others. Could not read much after getting home. It was a very fine moon-light evening.

SUNDAY, MARCH 2d Chilly, thickly cl'dy - snowed with some spirit past noon - afterwards changed to rain - carrying off almost all the snow - looked upon it to be extremely unpleasant abroad. Sylvanus, Sally & Diadamia went to meeting. I penned more than 4 of these very imperfect pages next preceding these lines.

Mr S. continued here lame, but not but that he could att'd to Con. Debates on Retrench't.

Father was too much chilled with a recent cold to think of turning out to Church.

Late at night when I finished writing. Must mention that the mow of hay E. of the barn floor measured 10 feet high wide, running the length of the bay from E. to W. Stock all doing well.

Mary Hill visited us & obtained some O-be-joyful for which she paid ready cash - Trusted 1 qt to N. Rip. Broached a cheese for family consumption weighing 32 lbs.

MONDAY, MARCH 3d Chilly & homely - thawed slightly surface of the gr'd. Stormed round snow & some hail late P.M. w'd N.W. Waited upon friend Southworth, Sylvanus & the children in the 2 horse wagg. to the school house. Had occasion to call on J. Norton Jun' as I was going past his house on my way to mill - Viewed his sick horse of which he gave me a history. Recommended for our mare which was troubled with hives - limewater, rosin & ginger - Drove through Algiers Rec'd pr J. Harwood boots repaired for which he charged 50" - Rec'd at the mill the flour & bran of the wheat bo't of J.N.Jr, which weighed, say the flour, about 416 lbs, and it really appeared handsome - divided it as nearly equal as we could between the two branches of the family - all from 10 bbls.

Rec'd from Mr Rockwood 75" due for 3 pecks flax-seed. Mr Percy of Hoosick, near Mapletown, Meeting House, getting a load of oil meal which he calculated feeding to his fat cattle at the rate of 1/2 bhl pr h'd. S. Chandler bro't a





draught chain and large band to friend R.- likewise conversed a mom't with Jon. Pratt who was getting away lumber from the s. mill the produce of his own timber - complained of the high price of sawing - last fall could hire it done for \$2. - now they charged \$3. pr thous'd.

When going up the road met my old friend and former school fellow Libeus Barney who informed me of his possessing a few shares in the Bank, felt anxious as to the location of it - thought for the good of the institution it should be near or on the spot occupied by the store of F.B. & Co - would be willing however that it might stand on the W. side of the Str't opposite to the house of the late Judge Fay.

Made a fruitless call for green silks for Marg't at the store of J.N. Jr. Called on Ed. Swift & obtained from him the am't of his father's bill against cous. Margaret since our settle't Jan'y 4 - found the same to be 5/6 or 92", which I added to my account against her.

The B'k Directors I believe held a meeting at Manchester this day. Sylvanus paid Winship 33 cents as promised on the 29th ult.

TUESDAY, MARCH 4 Severely cold this morning - clear P.M. wind N.W.- continued pretty cold through the day. Word was given out to go to Petersburg N.Y. with cous. Margaret - therefore prepared myself with money for paying a debt or debts due C. Brown of Berlin, N.Y. Wrote him a line which I intended forwarding if possible from Worthington's, if at the former place, to him - giving him notice that I would meet him there at W'g for settlement next day between the hours of 10 & 12 at noon. Past 10 A.M. was seated in the 2 h. wagg. & started for the place of destination - by the time we arrived at Hoosic Four Corners were obliged to stop and warm. Newell's Bar room was poorly warmed with a low fire in a pretty large fire place - many town's people were there. I withdrew to another apartment in which cous. Margaret was seated - likewise Mrs Newell closely attending upon her little daughter - a very sick child about 2 years old - Mr N. gone to Boston - to which place she did not know, but thought they should remove after his return. She informed us that her brother, Maj Foster had lately suffered from a severe attack of the bilious kind - soon after he came in - his countenance and deportment were indicative of his situation - he was however able to discourse quite freely on almost anything that was started - But the principal subject was the campaigns on the Niagara Frontier in which he served through all the chief actions of 1814 &c & this bro't in the name of Gen. Jacob Brown who he said had within a few days died at Washington - had not heard the news before- said he had become greatly debilitated from having his constitution shattered by reason of hard service and wounds during the Late War.

We were soon on the road again and by slow & sure driving reached the residence of the late Elder Brown where enquiry was made respecting our friend C. B. - they could give no direct information as to that - directed us to the next house, but we chose to move forward to Worthington's - though I would give them credit for saying that Henry Brown was teaching school in the Village





At W's left my line before mentioned p. 38 - Cous. M. learned that there had been a letter for her at the P.O. & the gen. not knowing that Mr Phillip's people had taken it out, searched awhile for the same - but his man settled the question by saying, if I recollect right, that they wook it out. We made a safe arrival at Mr P's by about sun set - they were all in usual health - the old gentleman now upw'd of 80, inclusive. Met Mansur & Franklin going a large Methodist meeting - A stir of Religion was said to be going on - the meeting house at the village being as full as it well could be. Mrs P's folks had known nothing of her sickness - made many conjectures concerning her situation - She heard of some interesting deaths. Read her letter from her brother Clark A. - dated Whitesboro 15th Nov 1827 - all well - he was employed in the manufacture of flour at Mills there - calculated to come to Petersburg & Bennington next summer. The steeple to the mammoth meeting house in Utica reached to the enormous height of 210 feet That City increasing very rapidly - Good company & cheerful conversation kept us up late.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 5 Cold, fair morning - cloudy & chilly during the remainder of the day. While waiting for breakfast perused the N. Y. Spectator of Feb'y 19 - Foreign news very contradictory respecting Grecian affairs - Peace between Russia & Persia was announced. Bo't of Mr Phillips 1 bhl flax seed for which paid him one dollar - Betwween 9 & 10 after receiving assistance in a very obliging manner from Mr P. & Sons - started for home. Came to the village and halted at the house at which I was informed Mr Henry Brown, the Teacher of the school in that District, boarded. At my request the lady of the house, a very corpulent healthy looking person, sent a neighboring boy, who shppened to be there, to give notice to Mr B., that a gentleman from Bennington wished to see him - he returned for answer that as soon as his school was let out for noon he would wait upon me. While thus impatiently detained visited a blacksmith shop hard by - had been building lately - his shop only wanted plastering to make it very comfortable, there being windows placed as regularly as if it had been a dwelling house. Here I saw & viewed Starbuck's & Gurley's Patent side hill plow, a really curious invention being so constructed as, by changing sides, to turn the furrow to the right or left as might be required.

At the expiration of an hour or so Mr B. appeared and commenced doing business, but before it could be compleated, our lady whose name although the-same my cousin as we drove past last evening had informed me, I have forgotten, prepared dinner of which by request I partook - after that he withdrew to one of the stores to draw receipts - having prepared my horses - I soon followed - Looked into Reynold's store not knowing but that he might be there - saw a good bystanders - walked over to Allen & Barber's where there were still more thronged. Here Mr Brown, who had just received while at the house fifty dollars in money which exceeded the full amount of all his brother Charles demanded in my hands, by two





dollars & thirty seven & a half cents, gave me my change & receipts for the following sums -

Sixteen dollars & twenty four cents for J.B.Norton to apply on demand against the School Committee, interest inclusive, which amounted to fifty one cents - See right side Page 35 -

Another for fourteen dollars, sixty three cents, in full, to apply on note given C. Brown by me, June 9 1827 - Journal for that year p 117

And a third for sixteen dollars and seventy five cents including interest, money which I received for said Charles from E.D.Waters, Sept 4 1827.

I did not obtain receipts for the whole amount of dealing between us, therefore I will state from memory how the business was situated at the time of this settle't.

W. Brown		To	H. Harwood	Dr May 1st., 1827	
			Conveyance to Berlin, N.Y.		2.00
			Interest, 10 months		<u>0.10</u>
					2.10
1828					
Mar	5	Cash paid H. Brown for his brother Charles			<u>31.33</u>
					33.48
			CR.		<u>33.48</u>
June	9	By Cash		\$ 14.00	
	25	By do by way of Sch. Dist		2.50	
Sept	4	By do - pr E D Waters		15.78	
1828					
Mch	5	By use of the above sums		<u>1.20</u>	
				\$ 33.48	

After the completion of the above transactions, Mr Brown, very handsomely, and against my request, treated me with a glass of wine. I was surprised to find such a concourse of people as appeared there.

No extra occasion would warrant the procedure - presumed that it would have been more profitable to them to have been at home -

This observation must close my account of this visit to Petersburg Without meeting with anything worth naming - arrived in Bennington just past sunset, but before dark - halted at Mr Chandler's to get an article of work amounting to 17 cents, which they put in my hands - They informed me of the death of our friend and neighbor Mr Reuben Kent who very suddenly departed this life at about 9 o'clock this morning in the 55th year of his age. He had been in ill health for several weeks but was able to walk about the room until the hour of his dissolution. He was a man unblessed with much of this world's goods - possessed a fair neighborly disposition - had something eccentric in his general deportment - particularly in his gate - for if anyone curiously observed him walking he would be thought to move unusually slow, but on closer inspection the reverse would have to be acknowledged.

In conversation he was generally pleasant & agreeable - always I believe peaceable in his family. Possessed so much government over his temper, as to return no reply, and even to assume the most stern indifference when assailed by the most piquant poignant & vehement attacks of an angry tongue. He was an accurate practical carpenter by occupation. Left a 2d wife, two sons & a daughter, besides some children by a former wife.





THURSDAY, MARCH 6 Cloudy & chilly - thawed very slightly so as to create some mud at surface - pretty good day for business. Our attention was chiefly given to the funeral of Mr Kent. Previous to going from home we were visited by Mrs Barney & Mrs Hills, daughters of Capt. J. Norton - their interview, although short, was pleasing and interesting. Harnessed the horses to the waggon & transported the coffin from Capt. Waters8. - the capt. himself riding with me. The people collected and waited a considerable time for the appearance of Mr Clark, but finding that he did not come, capt. W. proceeded to make a prayer, after which the corpse was conveyed in cons. N. Robinson's wagg. followed by the mourners in ours, to the meeting house where after a short address from Mr C. who on account of the scanty numbers that attended, information being not generally spread of the event declined delivering a sermon - some other services being performed - the remains were in due form interred near the S.E. corner of the burying ground. The bearers were Messrs E. Fay Jr., G. Robinson, S. Loomis & S. Searls. I would mention for my own satisfaction the names of such persons as I can recollect who attended the solemnities - to-wit, Capt J. Noton, Solomon Safford, A. Hubbell Esq B. Harwood, Willard Green, Jr with whom I walked to the meeting house & held much conversation, S. Robinson Sen., N. Robinson, ---Winship, D. Rudd, J. Norton Jr B. Ayres, S.W. Daniels, J.F. Billing & others - I mean that these attended at the house - the ladies of the neighborhood generally were present, were particularly active and useful in making the necessary preparation To the list above I would add the name of Capt Saff'd Robinson. When all the ceremonies were concluded - walked into the store of F.B. & Co where some conversation was held between my father, Capt P. Dewey & myself on former times as well as present - how we treated our cattle, sheep &c. Capt P. stated that he was fifty years of age early in Jan'y last. Bo't of F.B. & CO 1 lb tea, price 75 on Cr - Returned home and saw all things put in regular order about the barn.

FRIDAY, MARCH 7 Frozen in the morning - chilly, brisk cur't of air sent came from the W. A grist of 8 bbls rye was prepared with which accompanied by young Miss Lucinda, set off for the mill and furnace - took the road by Capt Norton's, the school house, J. Norton Jun'rs and W. & P. Smith's - made it a part of my business to take a census of such scholars as resided in said route in Dist. No... M. Manchester 3, H. Harwood 3, N. Ripley, 3, R.K. 3, L. Ayres 2, accord to Mrs A's ideas of residence, of the correctness I was in some doubt - Capt W. Norton, 1, E. Fay Jr 4, J. Norton Jr 4, Merritt 2, his brothers children - P. & W. Smith 3 a-piece. Left grist at the mill and proceeded to the Furnace. While waiting for the arrival of B. Ayres who had broken up house-keeping of late & given & given up his stuff to his mother and sister 1., which it was my main business to transport to the house of Mrs A.





Visited the Forge which except in one trifling instance was in fine operation - they shewed me some fine bars of iron for wagg. tire which was recommended as of superior quality. Mr Hammond & another gentleman was pres't. Staid perhaps an hour seeing the work going on here, they mended a saw-mill crank for a pretty portly gentleman whose name I did not learn. Returned to my friends, assisted in loading the household stuff which consisted of two bbls partly filled with pork & fish - a set of pretty good chairs, some earthen & stone ware and some few other articles with which I arrived, after going up the hill, buying 4-3/4 lbs beef of N. Farwell for which was paid 24" & looking in the P. Office where they shewed me a letter post-marked Berlin, N.Y. Feb'y 8 which ~~it~~ concluding it came from C. Brown refused taking it out, and it was accordingly taken back, taking the Gazette for the pres't week - safely at the house of Mr A. - they were highly pleased with the property - Mrs A turned out a good pork bbl to pay me - also gave us a quantity of mackerel, which I told her not to put herself to the trouble of doing. This made up my days employm't - Father rived in pieces some very ugly or more properly very bad grained basswood hollow logs. Had 2 young calves added to the stock on the 5th

SATURDAY, MARCH 8 Sharp, frozen, chilly morning - snowed an hour or two towards noon, & some past that hour - cold S. wind, cloudy, calm & some stormy in the evening. Visited E. Lyons' mill in Woodford & bro't off 393 feet spruce boards - the last of what I contracted for p.19. Mr Thomas, the sawyer of Mr L., was very busy in the mill - all the mills in the neighborhood were in lively operation - told Mr T. to charge the stuff - calculated to settle with Mr L. at his house, but as I was passing his dwelling a man with a load of hay for him suffered a partial wreck, making it rather difficult for me to get round him and a considerable fall of snow made me think it to continue onward & put off business till a more convenient time. I called at J. Harwood's shop and procured Hopkins' boots which had been repaired - for which they charged 0/9 - Met a young man with old Mr Bills in his wagg. - asked him if Mr Poole had received a line from his sister - he said he had and that she would come down the canal as soon as it was open in the spr'g. Halted at J. Norton Jr's store -- got J.B. Norton to put to my credit on book at that establishment fifty one cents for interest on school money paid to the representation of C. Brown on the 5th inst't. Capt O. Abell & a few other persons were present - between the former & me some jokes respecting cheese were exchanged - it was understood that the price ought to be 0/8. Left a line for Mr Lyon to apologize for omitting to call at his house - See Dec. 18 - p.14 - The quality of the lumber would not quite square with what is required in my order, being both knotty & shaky - not worth more than 80 cts per hund - but in consideration of the difficulty in finding & transporting logs of suitable length & dimension for boards of that description, concluded not to make much complaint, calculated to request him to wait upon me, during the time specified, for his pay without interest.

In coming from Alg. took the Smith & J. Nort. Jr road, arrived at the school house just after the scholars were let loose for the night - Sylvanus & others were playing ball in deac. E. Fay's Jun's meadow







March 1828 Into his hands I delivered my reins with orders to proceed immediately home - and so he did - I made it my business to visit the remainder, or a majority of the families in Dist. No. 2 in order to complete taking the census of scholars residing in ~~the~~ it over 4 & under 18 years of age Dist. No 2 March 1st., 1828 . At Mr S. Loomis' they returned 4 - at R. Carpenters 8 Mrs C. informed me of 2 at the next house, E. Walker's - Mr C. gone from home on business in town - Crossed over to Wid. Billings' - Saw Mr House who said I might set him down three, viz a boy who lived at his house, another of his own & a little girl of color, daughter of D. Case Mr H. had a pretty decent wood pile - though the old place looked much handsomer for new cov'g the house, & building a new wood house, painting the mansion &c &c - By information obtained here put 2 to friend Gideon, son & daughter of Mr J. Ayres - Did not go into the house but laid my course for neighbor Searl's where I went into the house - they numbered 4 of whom one was nearly 18 and another, a girl was employed by the week at housework somewhere in Hoosick, but not for any considerable length of time & according to their understanding she had no other home than at her father's. I however considered the case doubtful. Walked past the ruins of Wid. Billings' old grist mill where within thirty years a scythe shop & oil mill had been established under the same roof - and long since failed. The building was erected at no inconsiderable expence in 1785 by Major Samuel Billing with 2 run of stones - But the calculation was on a scale too extensive both for the custom and the supply of water so of course after a few years it ran down. The frame with more than half of the outward covering thereon withstood the rude attacks of time during the space of more than 42 years until pulled down by our friend Gideon only a few days since. Maj. B., if I mistake died in 1789 aged about 50 years.

Old Mill

Visited the house of Albert Solomon built by Solomon, the son of old Mr Henry Walbridge - afterwards fell into the hands of Mr Willard Green Jun'r many years - & since by son Burrel - and at present tenanted to Solomons by Mr G. Sen.

Here I added to my list, and some of them bright, active looking children too, but could not go to school because their father was too ---- poor we'll call it, to provide them with shoes. Their parents were both from home. I was foolish enough to heave a big sigh as I departed for this humble abode to think how unmerciful or any other name we may please give the idea - how melancholy the spectacle to see genius so neglected, so dreadfully suppressed by reason of falling under the care of such parents - I must leave off my attempts at prosing, for they are really too clumsily made to afford instruction or amusement to myself or anybody else - Let me proceed on my route - Next, passing by the old Scott house which stood empty - Narn & other out-buildings removed to a distance, visited the family of John Ayres - parents both absent - numbered 2

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The tenth of the year was a very busy one, with many storms and heavy rain. The weather was generally cloudy and dark, and the sun was only seen for a few moments. The crops were all well, and the fruit was beginning to ripen. The people were all busy with their work, and the country was full of life and activity.



theirs was the former residence of Josiah Fuller who raised a large family on a farm of no very great extent - was the brother-in-law of the late Eph Smith, Esq and departed this life in the month of August 1805, at the age of 69 or 70 years. The old habitation never was elegant - it now exhibited marks of sad neglect and those of old time with his all destroying instrument. No barn stands on the premises - it was either removed purposely or blown down by the wind many years since - and I noticed at the W. Green patrimony that the barn & shed attached thereto were fast sinking to ruin - doors down, boards off in many parts & others flying loosely & playing in every puff of wind passing that way. Thus go the changeable, mutable, & unstable works of poor weak, short lived man. From the F. house again came down to L. Jewett's, felt in too much haste to call in - Saw two of his daughters, Adeline being one of them, who said their number amounted to 5 - Came on up to the barn - was joined there by Pet Green our friend Eunice's hired man who was going to fodder her stock kept in the meadow joining the old Atwood place, now in the possession of L. Norton Esq'r - gave his opinion decidedly in favor of stabling cattle in Winter &c. Visited & discoursed as well as examined the corn house and several stocks of \$8. pine boards belonging to our good friend Deac, E. Fay Jun'r - stated their number of scholars to be 4 - one of the boys would be 18 the ensuing April. Reached home after dark. Uncle C. Harwood came to visit and settle with us - After supper went through with that business, from which it appeared that since the beginning of our accounts, we had received in various ways the sum of \$102.39 & had paid to him \$115.24 I was exclusive clerk - all being wholly kept by me - and not the most distant hint of disapprobation escaped the man's lips exceeding the price of a high post bedstead, bo't 24th July 1827 which I knew then to be \$4., but for which, as he positively stated, he actually paid to S. Bratt Jun'r %. I altered it to that amount. See Journ'l 1827, July 24th - had a good settlement.

A gentleman from the Isle of France who had suffered among pirates and being taken up by an American sea captain somewhere on our coast in a most deplorable condition - exposed to the merciless waves in an open boat, was thus snatched from the laws of death and restored to the land of the living, with a prospect of returning to his country, family and friends - was travelling through the country with credentials to show his sad fate - soliciting alms to assist him in the prosecution of his design - Many signatures were shown belonging to this town - 25" was added to his stock from our little store. I did not see him - all happened in my absence.

SUNDAY, MARCH 9 Cldy, chilly, some slight snow that fell during the night melted away. Young Daniels had the happiness of waiting upon Mrs Kent - sist. Diadamia & my fair partner to the Sanctuary. Uncle S. Robinson came down to see mother & for other purposes - doctored the mare jenny - bled her in the mouth - gave some directions respecting her treatment - he mentioned that those goods forwarded last July pr cousin S. Robinson on their way to our aunt Eunice at the West, had not reached the place of destination, although very carefully directed by cousin







March 1828 S. who enclosed them in a box expecting them to be conveyed by water in a Lake Schooner. Uncle S. desired me to furnish a list of the articles - looked for my receipt - could not find it - was at a loss whether I took one - gave it up for the present. Rec'd the company of cous. N. S. Rob. Robinson who supp'd with my part of the family, engaged to transport Receipt to B. Harwood. plaster for me from Troy at 25" pr hund. payable in app. brandy at 46 cents pr gallon - would sometimes employ our poney at \$1 pr trip. H.W. honored us with a visit. Father went not to meeting on account of bad health. At the barn counted two young calves 4 days old.

MONDAY, MARCH 10 Pleas't - signs were observed of an approaching storm ere night. Very muddy - difficult travelling When ready, and that was not early, rode in the 2 h. wagg. with Mrs H. & Uncle C. Harwood to Hinsdill's on business - a call was made at D. Ruttenbur's by uncle C. to get a few tools - another was made at Charles Hicks', old Moses Scott house - to procure of D. Ruttenbur his order in favor of C. Harwood on the store of Saff'd & Hinsdill - for \$12.60 - met Geo. Potter at some little distance this side the Factory - returning from the store where he had been waiting for us a good while. To him uncle C. consigned the greater part of his order - to us he gave \$5. in that way to apply on acc't - a schedule of said articles may be seen in Merch't Book p. 23 - 2 plow points inclusive. Mr Vail was there endeavoring to make sale of apple sauce - asked him how many cows he kept - he replied 17 - neither desired to buy nor sell. Miss L. Edgerton passed through the room. Mr V. remarked that Lucretia was yet alive - Yes, said young Geo. Saff'd, the clerk - you could not kill her with a cannon ball. Business being finished here returned on our way home as far as the residence of Sam'l Robinson Sen'r - halted, dined, visited, procured a quantity of skunks cabbage in the swamp - saw them fixing up the sap buckets & other apparatus for making sugar - Left for home towards night - parted with our old uncle at H. Waters' shop - procured Spect'r at Dr S's & arrived here by sunset. Must go back and note speaking with our cousin Henry Harwood near the capt. Saff'd house Uncle C. said at first he did not know him - saw cousin Henry Robinson working at his trade at his father's. Sylvanus was absent, accomp'd by (Wm) Nels, Duncan at the drawing of Johnson's grocery building from near the former residence of Ed Savage Jr to within a short distance of R. Booth's, but not on the same side of the way - did not get home until 9 o'clock in the eve'g. Wid. Eddy called to see Diadamia this morning to see about learning to make artificials. Was sorry to find one of my sheep at the barn very sick.

TUESDAY, MARCH 11 Chilly & cldy - early part of the day. P.M. stormed a mixture of rain & snow. Assisted at the burial of an ewe in fine condition leaving a lively orphan lamb in equally fine order. The last load of lumber was stuck up according to lumber rules. Dr N. Swift made mother a medical visit. Employed at the wood & taking care of cattle. Found my receipt spoken of on Sunday - prepared a copy for uncle S. Robinson. Read Mr Hamilton's speech at Chilton on Chilton Resolutions this eve'g





THURSDAY, MARCH 13 Very fair and pleas't - wind N. Wrong.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 12 Black, foggy, chilly P.M.w'd N.W. Busy at wood. A third calf was added to our stock. Our friend Horace Dimmick msde a halt here this morning - wanted to sell me a cow 10 yrs old for \$17.00 - the age did not suit - the business was but lit tle talked of - he was going to see his old counsel - as he called him to endeavor to procure a pair of oxen. Dr N. Swift was the man alluded to. Eben Gleason commenced boarding with us a few days while attending friend S's school for the purpose of studying gram'r. Commenced readi ing the fine, fair & able speech of Mr Sargeant of Pennsylvania on the side of the Administration - on the Retrenchment Resolutions.

THURSDAY, MARCH 13 Fair & Pleasant indeed - wind N.W. The aforesaid was pursued. H. Dimmick informed us that he had bo't a yoke of oxen for \$75 for which Dr N. Swift held his note payable at the end of twelve months - was going to the W. part of the town to takepossession of them - having obtained the same through the medium of Fayette Dickinson against whom the Doctor held a mortgage deed of the place on which his father & family resided. H.D. seemed doing remark- ably fine. Eb'r Gleason & S.W.Daniels attended a Methodist meeting at A. Buck's, Pownal. Bo't of a Plainfield peddler a wooden dipper, con- taining say 4 qts for 18-3/4 cents cash down.

FRIDAY, MARCH 14 Frozen slightly this morning - chilly, hazy, thawy weather ensued - very terribly muddy in all high- ways - we were suddenly summoned to the house of our neighbor Andrews where between the hours of 9 & 10 this morning without much previous warning the elder Mr A. departed this life in the 76th or 77th year of his life age. His son being employed in teaching music & dancing was absent in the W. p't of the S. of N.Y. - Mrs A. the partner of the young man (& having 4 young children) being the only adult person left in foreign land to follow his remains to the grave. A few years since they emigrated from England to Canada - thence to Albany & lastly to this town. The old gentleman lost his companion some years ago - ap- peared to lead a retured & harmless life, music formed his principal amusement. As soon as the neighbors could assemble they proceeded to lay out the corpse, which was executed by Mr L.Bliss, Mr Geo Robinson, Mr Hollister and Capt E. Waters. This scene ended - Mr H. addressed the throne of Grace in an appropriate & feeling manner - after which re turned home with my father, leaving there several females of the neigh borhood among whom were Mrs Robinson, Mrs Waters, and Miss D. Harwood. Shaved and otherwise prepared forgoing to town - harnessed horse to the waggon - Lydia & Sally rode to Mr Andrews. I then drove as far as Mr Church's when meeting Mrs Sylva Blackmer with my youngest sister - turned about my team & delivered up the same to them in order that they should be conveyed to Mr A's - I proceed to the N. - saw Dr Swift con- versing with an elderly gentleman





nearly in front of the house of A. Robinson Esq. The Doctor afterwards overtook me & requested me I would enquire for letters from him at the P.O. Being arrived there took out 2 letters according to his direction one of which was from Newburyport, Ms. Saw Sol C. engaged as usual at his trade - Col Merrill seemed to be composing for the Gazette - mourned the dreadful degeneracy of the times - was afraid of Aristocracy - I replied something like this, that whichever of the candidates for the Presidency obtained the election, he and his friends could not carry us quite off - there certainly was but little danger from the present Administration - a majority of both houses of Cong. being against it - & withal it was very closely watched &c.

Those gentlemen whom I recollect seeing there - were - Col H. Rob. Capt H. Robinson, J.S. Robinson, H. Kellogg, U.M. Rob &c. to the last gave the copy of the receipt mentioned P. 42. After looking at papers awhile returned to the S. as far as F. Blackmer & Co's - bo't 1 lb ginger on cr. Present F.B. himself, P. & S. Dewey, A.D. Robinson, E. Downs & Rexf'd Wittum - they were discoursing on the great prices and profitableness of keeping asses.

Next call was at Dr S's - delivered letters to Edward H. who handed me the Spect. of Mar. 7 with some remarks on the trial of David Ware for perjury in the City of N.Y. - he rather seemed to think Redmond guilty - I did not think so. Perused the pap. in the evening as usual.

SATURDAY, MARCH 15 A kind of roaring, chilly snowy day without much ~~sn~~ snow either - wind N. Busy with the wood. Mr Bliss came to see us, told some anecdotes about grave digging, politics etc. Contracted for a quantity of salted pork at 0/6 - weighed him 27-1/2 lbs, which we promised to send him in the morning. J. Rogers about noon visited us - talked religion along with mother - shewed him creatures & hay at the barn - considered us better off as to the latter article he had ever before known us. In the evening Sylvanus & Eben G. went to singing school in Algiers - Went to Mr B's with the aforesaid pork - & rec'd \$3. in a Phoenix, Hartford, B's note, No. 4277 - paid back 50 cents which left me indebted to them to the amount of 21 cents - Mrs B. handed me the money - was in tolerable health - Bro't down Mr Andrew's coffin - Young E. Waters accomp'd me as far as that house. On the way halted to get the Spect. at Dr Swifts. Perhaps I got it going up - finally I know it was so. Underst'd that Mrs Waters trimmed the coffin

SUNDAY, MARCH 16 Clear, very searching N.W. wind - frozen pretty firmly in the morning - the surface however was all thawed up before night - and the travelling thereby rendered very dragging & unpleas't. The funeral of Mr Andrews was very respectfully & pretty numerously attended at the house about 1 o'clock P.M. - a prayer was fervently offered





up by Deac. E. Safford - The bearers were then selected - whose names were B. Harwood, Geo Robinson, Hollister, & Heman Robinson - the corpse was borne to the wagg. of B. Harwood in which it was conveyed to the meeting house, followed by the mourners in Mr S. H. Brown's waggon, driven by himself - having his fine two white horses harnessed thereto. A number of waggons bro't up the rear - there was no foot procession on account of the very bad walking - those who were on foot picked their way as they could beside the fences and in the lots.

At the meeting house the coffin was set upon the bier, carried in~~x~~ to the lobby and there suffered to remain during the P.M. exercise.

Mr Clark took his text in just such a juncture as to wrong my ears out of a fair hearing of it so that it must go unnamed here.

The sermon which followed was in many respects a production that might have been looked for from him - I shall not attempt even to give an outline of it. The main thing was to be prepared for death - dwelt much upon the folly of mankind in endeavoring to elude this preparation &c &c Many thought they discovered a harshness in his remarks the force of which was intended more particularly to apply against those who were employed in teaching music & dancing.

At the conclusion of Public Worship the remains were interred near the N.E. corner of the meeting house, with every mark of respect due the solemn occasion.

In returning home was accompanied the most of the way by Mr Robinson, Mr Manchester, Geo. Norton Jun'r & 2 of R's girls. Diadma staid to associate with & administer comfort to the afflicted.

MONDAY, MARCH 17 Rough frozen morning, clear fine day. Continued working at wood, Ebenezer resumed his seat at our board - chopped wood night & morning as heretofore - he with S.W.D. Lydia & Sally paid a short visit to Mrs Andrews in the evening. Uncle C. Harwood staid with us this night. Counted 4 calves at the barn - all doing well. I am to correct a mistake above. Our friend E. Gleason was not of the party above mentioned as I afterwards learned - went some other way.

TUESDAY, MARCH 18 Very fine, warm & clear. Blue birds were observed had been noticed occasionally ever since the 10th inst. Worked at wood. Mr Ayres gave me an order from under his own hand for something less than one dollar of Col M.Norton - Staid some-time of talking on old affairs &c as usual. Late P.M. visited Algiers to procure beef for mother - crossed over by Capt Pratt's - did not see the capt - he being absent at Brown's mill sawing boards - had this information of Mr Knapp of Woodford who was there dressing flax - said he would be at home tomorrow evening. At J.Norton Jr's store saw J.B.N. who said they had no beef - bo't 1/2 lb tobacco on cr - 10 cts - Saw at the store Mr Godfrey, capt Abell, F.Wickwire and J.Rogers. A comb peddler was there selling hair combs to the clerk J.B. Walked over to cousin E.





Chases', got a small punch belonging to us out of uncle C's box of tools which was accidentally conveyed there among his effects - Cousin Mary i invited me to call in & not be so proud - replied I had nothing to be proud of & if I had should endeavor not to show it - Eben was present & joined her in soliciting a short visit which I could not grant for want of time - they enquired if I had butter to sell for money - told them I had none, but expected we might have it to spare by the 10th of April - and then he that came first with his money would get it. After my departure saw & conversed a moment with uncle C. Harwood who had just come from old Esq'r Chase's. Left the village and came up across the farm of Lieut Safford who overtook and conversed with me sometime, was engaged in making sugar - thought he should make sufficient for his own use - wanted to buy a yearling hog - said something to him respecting town meeting - we hoped it might be conducted without contention, so as to get through in good season. The remainder of the way home was chosen much in the same track as when going down. Boys went to Pownal to hear the celebrated Methodist Elder Howe. Numbered 5 calves at the barn.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 19 Mild & hazy, wind S. Busy as heretofore at the wood pile assisted by E.Gleason & S.W.D. in the morning. Paid pretty close attention to the stock at the barn - had now 7 calves

THURSDAY, MARCH 20 Warm Spring day, Mud a good deal dried up. Father was unwell but continued working at the wood assist ed some by the boys. Daniels staid out of school & assisted me in the erection of a covered pen for calves - floored with planks - Sent him P.M. to bring a load of oil meal from Rockwood's - returned with 25 bhl which made the quantity rec'd the pres't season am't to 125 bhl's - fed to such cows as had calves between 5 & 6 qts a day.

Rec'd from Peck & Norton pr Germond 10-1/3 lbs beef at 6 cts. Germond also bro't me a billet from uncle S. Robinson informing me that there were 2 cows in his neighborhood to be sold, one of which had a failing - wanted I should come soon and see for myself. Rec'd likewise a dunning letter from Church & Isham, Lawyers, which for a time gave me much uneasiness. Examined my journal for Sept 1826 to see if I could find an entry concerning the affair, which I ought to have mentioned with the letter, an arrearage due Mr Peters. I could discover nothing more than that Deac. Erisin Safford came to me Sept 22 and shewed me an item of 88 cents taxes against me in favor of M. P. which I engaged very shortly to pay - Recollected performing the engagement but could remember nothing to corroborate ie - was pretty certain it was on the 29th of that month. What provoked me as much as anything was my neglecting to pay a receipt, omitting to insert it in my Jour(1 or to note it in my cash book. Finally the result of the matter was that the next day I went to Mr Safford & learnt for certain that it was actually paid and that it was a mistake, sending the letter to me, being intended for our cousin Hiram of the North Part - who was indebted to the amount of between two & three dollars. This evening I visited Dr Swidt's and borrowed forty dollars which being added to the 20 hired on the first inst was put in a







note drawn by Ed H. on demand, to which I attached my name. The Doctor said there was a probability of his taking back his store, in which case I must refund the whole sum - this troubled me - felt much hesitation about taking it - they said if that event should not incur - might hold it until fall - otherwise must hold myself in readiness to pay over within 4 weeks - Sent down pills to mother.

FRIDAY, MARCH 21 There existed a probability of rain from the S. early in the morning, but soon after sunrise the wind hauled round to N.W. and it was cold & windy through the day. Nine or ten A.M. Dr Swift paid mother a visit - said he thought it most likelt that the money I had hired would not be wanted ~~to~~-wauntil fall. I was prepared to go from home - carried home the Dr's crow-bar - left it in his barn - Saw Searls building wall this side E.Waters8 Shop - In the street attended to the business mentione on opposire side - Called at the P.O. Saw Col M. reading & Sol C. busy at his work - staid but a few moments - paced away down through woods attached to the N. end of the Judge Robinson farm, towards uncle Sam's. Saw the two brothers, uncle S. & uncle Safford fetching a mare's hide & that of her foalon a pole, the opposite ends of which rested on their shoulders - Disposed of their burden - invited me into the house of our friend Aaff'd - Mrs Follett was there, first lady I saw - took her to be her mother - not having visited the house for a good while - never undertook to mend the blunder - She was engaged in boiling syrup for maple sugar - was requested to eat some but declined - Made but a short stay - marched to uncle S's - not however before I saw cous. Nathan who had lately returned from a journey to Litchfield, C't to carry thither the lady of and a part of the household stuff of H. Wallace. Uncle S. had the kindness to accompany me to Mr J. Haynes' to see 2 cows - one of which belonged to Mr A. Hathaway - for the former could not trade because Mr Haswell had not returned from the N. who would be able to do as the owner desired - \$20. for a 5 year old creature - coming in in good season - The other - 7 years old - some unruly - of a fine character - good size, but would not have a calf until the fore part of June - price \$20. - Did ~~not~~ not see fit to make a bargain - Returned to uncle S's - dined - talked some time - agreed to let the hay horse to go to Middleton, C't for a load from that quarter including a family who were to go into business under Mr Hinsdill of Bennington - journey to be performed by our kind uncle Sam - Came up the hill by way of the old road, accomp'd by uncle S. - Near Mr Fields A.J.Haswell overtook us - halted near the lower corner of the landed possession of his brother William, to view the situation in which he, A.J., calculated to set his habitation, dig his well &c. Left my benevolent relative in the Street - called on our fr'd H. Waters at N. J. Norton's shop - invited him to come down and consult with me respecting some work I wanted him to do - He was engaged in making rolling blinds for windows - Bo't of the F. B. & Co 1 broom - 1/0 on credit - came home and performed the usual routine of business among cows & calfs. Mrs Kent paid Sally a visit. H.Waters staid here this night - unwell, looked at my work - he would do a part on D.Ruttenbur's acc't





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SATURDAY, MARCH 22d Pretty cold in the morning - rather chilly during the remainder of the day - but fair & fine indeed - wind N. The woodpile afforded us employment - On the 21st father was ill - S.W.D. was the only hand engaged that day - and he assisted again this day, there being no school. Friend Southworth was here a little while this morning - Mrs Andrews with her 4 children, accompanied by Diadamia, paid us an excellent visit. This day enumerated 9 calves at the barn. My imagination was much haunted by the ghost of Mr H's cow - was not fully resolved what to do - but finally made up my mind to send by the hand of S.W.Daniels an offer of \$16 to Mr Hathaway for her - to pay for and drive her home - the errand was executed, but the bait did not allure - staid sometime eating sugar at uncle S's - made a safe return before it was late. Cousin Edwin Robinson came up to get the horse for the purpose of taking him to H. Norton's, Algiers, to be shod Mr Parsons & son Andrew arrived here late this evening - left all well at Hoosack.

SUNDAY, MARCH 23 Fine, fair & warm - much like Spring - Looked at the Trial of David Ware, City of N.Y. for Perjury published in the N.Y. Spect. of March 11 - Rec'd a visit from Mr Bliss who looked at our cows and calves - talked with mother - wanted a few eggs - let him have them - he departed for home before 12 - Rec'd another from uncle S. who after taking some bread, cheese & cider took his departure in peace & harmony. Other visits were rec'd in the course of the day from cous. Henry Robinson, Ben Sears, H.Waters, & N.J.Norton - S.W.D. went to Pownal - did not return at night. Father & Lydia went to meeting to hear the good preaching of Mr D. A. Clark. No'd 10 calves. Mr Parsons & son late P.M. left for home. S.W.D. got home between 10 & 11 after I had retired to bed, to rest.

MONDAY, MARCH 24 Rained a little in the morning - chilly. Cloudy all day - but good for business w'd S. Mr Ayres assisted to the am't of getting 2 small l'ds wood from gen. Rob's woods drawn by mare & steers before the horse sled - charged him 50 cents - Father had wood saw filed by Capt Waters. Made out my School List this evening - subtracting 2 from L. Ayres & one from Searles left, if I mistake not 64 scholars enumerated according to the School Act. We numbered this night at the barn 12 calves. No, say but 11 calves - was under mistake when I wrote the first state't.

TUESDAY, MARCH 25 Pretty fair - some hazy - Dry - wind N. chilly. Worked at wood. In the evening visited the P.O. - Carried in my School List to W.Haswell who, assisted by his lady, was deeply engaged writing in the Town Books - Gave me the School Act to which I was entitled as Dist. Cl'k - talked some of buying Mr Haynes' cow - would wait for the money until next Dec'r, must see Haynes' people before the completion of the bargain. Just after leaving our friends - met H. Wallace & cous. N. Robinson on their way to Williams to make a settle't of acc'ts. Arrived here in season to read some before going to bed.





WEDNESDAY, MARCH 26 Very fine spring weather - dry - w'd S. After paying due regard to cows & calves, to which these days I had become no ordinary servant, prepared to attend Town Meeting.

Perhaps since I was a freeman no meeting of the kind ever took less of my solicitude. It was conducted with much harmony & good feeling, which gave great speed to business. The only serious trial for office occurred between Hiram Blackmer & Jo. N. Hinsdill - the former was chosen 2d Constable - 2d time round - the latter held the place the past year - Felt myself but little interested in this contest - but finally was influenced to go for B. on account of a certain weight it was feared might be added to the establishments of the Furnace & Hinsdill's Works, if the other should be chosen. - Several questions of some importance were disposed of. The money raised from the School Lot was after discussion, suffered to remain untouched, it being proved to be in a very prosperous way.

An able & interesting report concerning Burying grounds was presented and acted upon - a committee was appointed and empowered to buy a piece of Ground for a Public Burial, to pay for which & fencing &c 1-1/2 cts tax was voted. Did not mention in due ord'r the appointment of the Committee for Superindance of Schools according to the late act Those gent. were - J.E. Robinson, Henry Kellogg, Hiland Hall, Daniel Loomis, Ira Armstrong, Benj. Webb and David Robinson Jr. All further notice of public business I shall abstain from for want of personal acquaintance therewith. Talked with Capt J. Norton concerning the Battle of Long Island, Aug. 1776 in which he took part as a private soldier. Had some funny things to converse upon with my old friend N.F. Champney. Made a bargain for a cow with Mr Elisha Bal - to give my note payable first of June for \$20.00 - to deliver a cow 5 yrs old with a calf 2 weeks old - or if I chose could receive one of Albert Solomons aged seven years, to come in on the first w'k in May - very highly recommended - Mr S. to receive my note which he would exchange for Mr P's cow & calf, by doing which would relieve his family from present necessity. For other business - see p. Do not know what is meant.

THURSDAY, MARCH 27 Flying clouds, wind S. Remarkably warm, springlike  
Hardly ever more so at a season so premature.

Frost but little in the ground which which in most parts was settled like May Day. The principal business of the day was staking rails on the top of the wall W. of the lane ag'nt the 3 corner field - said wall was mostly built by Seth Montague, assisted by my father, in 1811. Sylvanus & myself in the one horse waggon visited people at the S. enquiring all along the character of Mr Solomon's cow - The first man to whom the question was put was our friend Levi Jewett - and his reply was that he had nothing to say for nor against her - A halt was made at G. House's - her character appeared bright here - saw the wife of J. Ayres - talked sometime with G. - Drove on to Wagar's - asked about sawing our logs - not done - should as soon as a supply of water was obtained - felt as anxious to perform the work as we did to have it done. Mr Bates was present - gave a very favorable account of Mr S's cow - So we concluded to drive her home on our return. Halted at Mr S's - Left W'm in the wagg - entered the house lately occupied by B. Green & family - Mrs S. said her husband was absent at the W. part of Bennington - had left business so that I could







take the cow if I would. Mrs S. & her son Geo. were both of them very earnest in their recommendation of the animal and nothing but pure necessity induced them to part with her. Our resolution was formed - G. got into the wagg. - rode with us to Jewett's home barn - looked but could not find her there - marched over to the old Scott place where ~~she~~ she was discovered among our friend's stock - unfed like them this fine moon-light evening - Levi being too poorly to attend to such trifles - we came on with our prize and very snugly made it secure in the stable by 9 in the evening - nobody in the family being apprised of the transaction, nor did they get information until next morning when my father remarked that I was a foolish boy. G. Solomon's after helping us drive said beast - tarried over night, breakfasted with us next morning - Rec'd my note for \$20.00 with interest payable to E. Poole or bearer sixty five days from date - being drawn under the pres't date.

Counted 14 calves this day. Mr Colvin rec'd on acc't 24-1/2 lbs cheese at 0/6 - viewed and praised our cows of course.

FRIDAY, MARCH 28 Unusually warm & fair - the season seemed rapidly advancing - Robins were hopping from branch to branch and entertaining us with their cheering notes - frogs were heard to croak - adding much to the beauty of a fine moon-light evening.

The business of the 27th was continued. P.M. Sylvanus was sent with mare, oxen & cart to the oil mill and returned late in the eve'g with 40 bhls & a peck oil meal - the fraction being for services rendered while there. Lydia & Diadamia paid a visit to Mrs C. Barney at capt. Norton's - The ladies forming the party were - Old & young Mrs Loomis, Mrs Luman & Mrs J. Norton Jr, Miss L. House, Mrs Winship, Mrs Lydia Safford, Miss Emeline Hinsdill. Enuerated 15 calves - the produce of the present season.

SATURDAY, MARCH 29 Spring weather continued, but P.M. the wind blew up very fresh & pretty chilly from the S. Cldy & smoky. Completed staking & railing wall W. side the orch'd built 1814. P.M. removed the grain chests in which was stored our cheese, 24th Nov. 1827 - clubbed manure &c. S.W. Daniels in the manner above described transported 40 bhls more oil meal - making me a total of 205-1/4 bhls since making the contract in Jan - amounting to \$61.58. Of the last load 3 bhls was paid for in the same quantity of potatoes - C. Harwood 3 bhls on cr - cheese press was convey'd to him to be repaired. P.M. S.W.D. with the oxen attended the drawing of A. Robinson's great barn built by the Rev'd Jed. Dewey - more than sixty years since.

Mrs Susannah Dewey paid mother a fine P.M. visit. Uncle C. Harwood also was here about mid-day - had on cr. 5 qts brandy. Mr Southworth obliged us with his company this night. Mr Ed Savage Jr had the command at the drawing of the afores'd building - There were 45 yoke of oxen assembled on the occasion. A cheese weighing 34-1/2 lbs was broach'd.





SUNDAY, MARCH 30 Wind S. rather chilly, a little rainy - Vegetation had started - Business much as usual - Wrote Jour'l read but little - and that concerning Demetrius Policr'a. Mr South'h visited us - H. Waters likewise to contrive respecting cheese room. Mrs K. also was one of our guests. Father attended to hear Divine Service.

MONDAY, MARCH 31 Cold high N.W. wind - scuds of snow were prevalent Cold but very freezing. Carted gravel in the S. mead'w to make road across a slough this side of the ditch bridge - attended to regulating concerns at the barn - A notification for a School Meeting dated March 27, was posted up at the School house - meeting to be on the 3d inst - This was the last of Mr Southworth's years school. Must halt to write that a very large proportion of our District were extremely well satisfied with his management and were anxious to continue so good a school. Emerson Gleason visited us this evening promised to work for us one month during the season of haying & harvest with some conditions annexed. Sixteen calves were on the carpet at this date.

TUESDAY, APRIL 1 Sharp morning, fine, fair & clear. A pedlar of trunk trinkets left this morning after tarrying the night with us - Said he resided in Simsbury, Conn. Bo't of him only enough to pay his bill, thirty cents - had with him a handsome litt. map of Mass., Conn. & R.I. Bo't of Mr Robinson a female hog & 9 pigs 6 days old of the Hicks breed for 9 dollars - payable on the 15th s'd month - very small and trouble-some to drive - so much so that I had to confine them in a bushel basket and in that way brought them home on my shoulder. Miss Sow was led by Sylvanus who attached a rope to one of her hind legs - We esteemed the bargain a fair one, good for both sides as the times were - the lady being young & light as well as her family which were handsomely colored. Uncle C. Harwood came over on business - at his suggestion forwarded timber for repairing cheese-press pr T. Kent.

Adeline & Hopkins were guests at Mr Andrew's - the latter entered his 7th year this day - walked to Dr Swifts - Deliv'd a billet to E.H. S. requesting some numbers of the Spectator newspaper of which he sent those of Mar 14 and 18 - must add that this 6 year old youth had made fine progress in his studies for one of an age so tender. John Duncan Jr had his leg broken on Sat the (30th) ult at S. Loomis'. As to business finished our road and commenced getting out manure, laying it in heaps on a piece of ground near the center of the S. mead. in the vicinity of a certain walnuttree which we intended breaking up for the purpose of planting potatoes.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 2 High heavy S. wind, chilly, flying clouds, very unpleasant. Seventeen lds manure was carted, besides waiting upon & giving direction to our joiners H. Waters with his man Mr Plum. Sold two fine calves, the produce of the cows called Dark Line & Pied heifer, to Mr Peck, learned that the former weighed 76 & the latter 80 lbs. Sent pr S.W.D. & H.W. & procured glass, nails &c at F.B. & Co's to the am't of \$1.48. See March b'k pp 13-33 - Paid





Mr Southworth's School Bill - \$2.52 - towards which accounted to D. Clark, ebdsem't on note fifty four cents which Mr S. owed toward use of Library, fifty cents more for tapping shoes, leaving \$1.48 cash to pay at this time which was promptly done. Paid for Mrs Kent to friend S. 87-1/2" for 2 copies of Bentley's A Instructor - Mr Neeton, son-in-law of Mr Jo Crawford entered himself a tenant under M. Manchester in a part of the Chatfield house. C. Harwood Esq visited us again from Algiers to procure a jug of cider. Young E. Waters & one of the Robinson boys were here a short time this evening. Mr Ripley's establishment was about to be removed.

THURSDAY, APRIL 3 Chilly, cldy, w'd N.W. No weather for vegetation. Ten l'ds manure takeb out as above - Gave direction to joiners. Attended School Meeting this evening - present E. Fay Jun, S. Searls, L. Jewett, P. Smith, G. House, & M. Manchester - Mr Southworth came to witness our proceedings. There was as usual a great deal talked of foreign to the subject - much dry punning and laughing - The presence of our old companions & friends, L. Norton who was absent on a journey to the N., J.N. Jr removed to Algiers, & Reynolds Carpenter, removed to Pownal, was really very much desired - The meeting chose H. Harwood, Moderator, & proceeded to appoint for P. Committee the above named gent L. Jewett & P. Smith - the last begged to be excused but his friends did not see fit to do it. Mr S. made a calculation on the cost of repairing the schoolhouse - from which it appeared that it cost \$13.86 - Divided among 18 would amount to 77" a piece - In this business Mr House had been very good - Mr Fay also had done well - notwithstanding all his oddities and dry jokes - Returned home accompanied by Mr S. & Mr M. - Rather late in the evening - found our old friend abd Instructor C. Brown whom we made very welcome here - Puns & good cheer wound up the doings of the day.

FRIDAY, APRIL 4 Rather stormy - Mountains white with snow - wind raw from the S.- gr'd remarkably dry for the season Manuring the garden made up the business. Messrs Brown & Southworth spent the morning with us and dined here - The former had the generosity to pay back to me 62-1/2" , money which I left with his brother Henry - thanked him & gave him an invitation to visit us at all times from Berlin, N.Y. P.M. took his departure for the City of N.York in the Albany Stage - See Mar 5th also Jun 9th 1827. Paid to Southworth fifty cents contribution towards Mrs Kent's School Bill which amt'd to three doll's fifty cents, of which our fr'd gave in fifty cents. Paid A. Brown \$2.71 lumber debt - tow'd which he took 27-1/2 lbs cheese - remainder in money - wanted I should let him have the cheese at 8" - I insisted on 0/6 - he complained so hard that I threw off 4" - See Jan'y 12 - H. Waters compleated out great cheese t able, door & 9 lighted window in s'd door - sash made by C. Harwood and stairs - cost of joiners including b'd \$7. Stuff \$3.20" -





nails & glass, say 84<sup>m</sup> including other items - say the am't of the whole might be \$11.00 - We rec'd a visit from our uncle C. Hafwood who bro't over the sash which was put at 45 - Repairs of cheese press 8/0 - paid him 1 p't brandy and 2-1/2 lbs cheese.

SATURDAY, APRIL 5 Moderately snowy, mountains whitened - Seemed most snowy at the S - had a hard shower after dark so as to compleatly cover the ground. Many notions were attended to - S. boom cleared & prepared for the reception of milk - stove set up &c. Lydia & Sally washed shelves. Sylvanus made an unsuccessful attempt to get clover seed from Montagues - bro't stove pipe from uncle S. Rob's - visited Algiers to get mare shod - but she did not need it - H. Norton fastened the shoes - had the tire of one of the large wagg. wheels taken off & set at Mr Chandler's, price 58" - Mrs Ripley made us a cheese basket for which asked 4/6, tow'd she allowed 8" old br'dy debt - paid 1-1/2 lbs butter - leaving due 3/6. The Ripley Family left Tan Brook this P.M. Mr Andrews arrived in town, much to the joy & satisfaction of his family. Uncle Sam'l & cousin Nathan paid us a very agreeable litt. visit - returned the bay horse in good order - a little galled about the right shoulder & neck. I was informed that the hon. Mr Ciders & family took up their residence in the Tan Br'k brick shop.

The death of Amos Wyman (was announced) was announced, a faithful old laborer in the service of gen. D. Robinson who departed this life in the after part of the day. After dark according to appointment visited the house of Mr P. Smith, one of our colleagues of the P. Committee - found their friend L. Jewett & Mr Southworth. We discoursed of everything foreign to the business in hand - adverted to that occasionally - were joined by W. Smith - all seemed anxious for a male teacher & for the continuance of Mr S. in the Dist. - but were afraid of the scantiness of the scholars for the Summer School would frighten certain individuals so as to prevent their sending their children to it. But after long consultation engaged Mr S. to teach 10 months in the year - or 40 weeks - to have 4 weeks vacation next fall and 4 more at the end of the year which added to 4 weeks of the present time would am't to 1 year - at \$10 pr month during Summer and \$12.00 in Winter - his pay to be collected by himself as far as practicable - the committee to be eventually responsible - but this not to be generally known. Neighbor Levi was unusually sociable. Left Mr S's late in the evening say after the moon arose.

SUNDAY, APRIL 6 Chilly N. wind - Snow covered the gr'd this morning - pretty unpleas't. My movements of the usual character. Mr Southworth continued with us through most of the day after coming from S's in the morning - Borrowed \$5. of him in the evening which being added to what was previously on hand made a sum of \$51.00 in my pocket book. Gideon House obliged us with his company this evening awhile. Also Law





son Fleason who tarried all night, said his parents with their little one & effects had removed to Shaftsbury N. of the Meeting House on a farm the property of one of the Galusha's - near the ex-Governors.

Friend Gideon gave an account of the sale of his father's fat oxen sold to a gent. in Williamstown, Ms., which at \$5.-3/41 pr hund would am't to about \$137.00 Very busy preparing to go to Troy. H.W. here this eve'g - Many minor transactions must go unnoticed.

MONDAY, APRIL 7 Pretty severe - wind strong in the W.- flying clds, ground some frozen in the morning. Late in the morning started for T., found friend B. Sears waiting for me at J. Hicks Left Mr Southworth and trunk there for his passage to Dorset by stage.

Just as I was about to wheel round into the T. road capt Hicks saw and informed me that his son John wanted to send by me to get about 100lbs harness leather - therefore in compliance with the invitation rode up the hill and received at John's shop an order for the same to Mr Rankin, enclosing the sum of \$32.00. The bell was ringing for 9 as we descended gen. Rob's hill - found the road remarkably dry & smooth for the season - arrived at Mr W's past noon - experienced considerable inconvenience from the cold wind which raked our front - Saw Reed & uncle Abel and perhaps some others of our acquaintance - made but a short tarry - put forward again and arrived in Lansingburgh sometime before sunset - Bo't of Mr Hedges 26 lbs 3d nails at 12-1/2" pr lb - paid \$3.25 for them and 75" more for 7 lbs tens & 2 lbs eights - enquired the price of plaster & was informed that for Nova Scotia they had 7-1/2 & Western 6-1/2 doll's - Nails being disposed of continued advancing - Not far from the Rensselaer School found a numerous collection of people whose business seemed to be that of endeavoring to see a horse race - but as the steeds were let loose upon the turf - by management or mismanagement, they totally failed - at least so far as we saw. Paid no further attention to the scene thab to endeavor to seek a harmless passage through the crowd. Got to cous. S. Robinson's about sundown - stabled horses at Stearns - didn't much like negro Ostlers - Returned to cous. S's and supped there - Baker Robinson was boarder there. Walked to J. V. Powelson's, leaving on my way Hicks' order on Mr Rankin at their establishment. Bo't of Mr P. articles amounting to \$7.62 - Returned to cous. R's and slept with Baker - Saw several instances on the road of farmers having begun to plow - some fields of grain looked very well. (Mr Ciders became our neighbor Apr 5)

TUESDAY, APRIL 8 The air continued chilly - strong w'd W.  
To undertake a regular detail of my manner of transacting business it would baffle the weak powers of my rustic pen. Suffice it to say





t hat of Wm Brinckerhoff bo't articles in his line amounting to \$3.24  
 Of Mr Adancourt - books - \$1.25 - J.Gary - Nath'l G.Brown el'k, leather  
 \$6.01 - Stickney & partner - 2 portable Furnaces -\$2.50 - Vest pattern  
 & Bandanna Hdkf for S.W.Daniels \$1.44 - Gilbert 1 peck seasand 0.06" -  
 O. & A. Arnold, sugar & tea \$6.70 towards which paid cash down \$3.45 -  
 S.Robinson for shaving & bar soap 0.22 Mrs Hazen, 1 saucer carmine -  
 0.31. The whole amount of money paid out amounted to \$30.54 and the  
 sum with which I started from home was \$51.00 in handsome fair money -  
 \$5.00 of which I borrowed from our good friend Southworth - the result  
 of the whole was that my purse was reduced to \$20.46 making a dead loss  
 to me of \$1.10 - a ghost which much harassed my imagination all next  
 day - the sum total covered tavern expences.

After running up and down to collect my things including capt  
 Hicks' & Son's leather & oil - having the assistance of cous. Sam in  
 the bargain, made out to get affairs so far settled as to dine with my  
 friends at our cous's including D.B.Robinson. Past 12, all things re-  
 ady, left Troy accomp'd by friend Sears & cous. Sam. Made a short halt  
 at Mr Wadsworth's. Saw Steph. Reynolds of the N. part of Petersburg -  
 boasted of a fine white colt about 3 yrs old - very active - would not  
 take quite a sum for him - told me the name of that gentleman mentioned  
 in my journ'l for the forepart of May 1827 - Van Avery, if I mistake  
 not. About dark as we reached Hoosack Corners - say ten o'clock when  
 arrived at Hicks' - left my companions, trunks & capt H's stuff there  
 and without further trouble with worth naming arrived at the Old Stand.

This morning saw Henry Debar in River Street, Troy, seated in a  
 stage coach as driver of 4 white horses - said he was in good business  
 and could soon remunerate me for advances made him in Dec'r 1825.  
 Informed me that he was employed on a route of 30 miles extent. Charged  
 him to remember me respecting my debt - \$8. - he thought it was \$20. -  
 promised he would.

I must record seeing the family of Wm Batt between 6 & 7 miles  
 this side Troy going with their effects to the W. - including the old  
 gent himself. A regular detail of all my bills of merchandise may be  
 inspected by turning to the Merch't Book, p. 23.

THURSDAY, APRIL 10 Chilly wind, clouds and some driven up from the S.  
 rather unpleas't. The chief business at home was  
 that of spreading manure - T.Kent assisting - father rather unwell -  
 Business led me to town - left the litt. wagg. at Chandler's to get  
 gripes put on one of the large wheels - it was executed late in the  
 day - price 20". Carried 1 h. wagg. harness to J. & J. Hicks' to be  
 repaired - executed at 1/0 - finding my own stock - John allowed me  
 25" for transportation of leather. At the printing office got 2 late  
 Gazett's





Visited Montague's - men all away - Mrs M. made excuses for uncombed hair, unswept floor &c &c - did not require those excuses - was introduced to young Mr Fuller. For a few moments Mrs M. became very anxious respecting her little son Wm, but he was soon found at neighbor Cushman's - Proceeded to Mr Day's at the old Elijah Robinson house - late residence of Mr Gleason & Family - Eben & Lawson were there to get off with me their swine. Rec'd a hhd which had been lent to them in the fall of 1826 - full bound - chimes failing altered into a water cask by sawing a large aperture in the staves - offered to sell it for \$1.00 to Mr Day - but he refused to buy - Visited Algiers - staid a good while at J. Norton Jr store - finished my bargain with Peck & Norton respecting calves - both being present. As often as I sold them 72 lbs veal, should be entitled to a rennet bag - and on the strength of s'd contract rec'd 20 of last years growth - Staid some time to avoid rain.

Mr Godfrey as well as Capt Chase was pres't - the former considered it cost farmers half the value of their produce to get it fit for market. Mr P. had been to our house - left 5-3/4 lbs at 6" & taken away the calf of the cow denominated Doub. Teat. 4 wks & a day old - red & in fine care. By way of Hunt's, Day's &c returned to E. Montagues - rec'd 2 bhls unslacked lime there - M. informed me he had recently lost a fine mare - supposed to be owing to unseasonable driving by his late or near hired man, Henry Crawford - who with another youngster assisted in putting on board the line. Talked about hayseed - did not know but that it had arrived pr stage at Fisk's - afterwards proved not to be the fact. Left M's for home. Met P. Smith near Chandler's who said the District was ass<sup>d</sup> made as the Devil because we hired Mr Southworth - but on enquiry it appeared his apprehension was ill founded

After my arrival at home rec'd a sociable pleas't visit from cous. S. Robinson Jr. There was delivered to Mr C. Harwood 5 qts brandy on acc't. One cart l'd wood was drawn from Gen R's woods for Mr Ayres. From Capt Hill's bro't away my old stove bottom left there in September last.

FRIDAY, APRIL 11 Steady chilling wind & cl'ds from the S. Hazy  
Continued spreading manure - T. Kent in the  
service - P.M. commenced plowing gresward in the S. meadow near the  
walnut tree where it had never before been plowed. Capt Waters worked  
at mending plow & making land roller - his lady, daughters Caroline &  
Delia & cous. M.A. Waters visited here - the last continued with us.  
Mr Andrews & lady went in our l h. wagg. to Albany - left little James  
in the care of our sister Diademia. T.Kent was in our employment.

SATURDAY, APRIL 12 Dry & hazy - steady chilly wind N.W. The business  
of the 11th continued. Capt W. compleated the Land  
Roller - we would credit him 1-3/4 days work. Sylvanus and myself were  
called to assist at a critical case that occurred among the cattle of  
Mr Robin-





son or rather those of Robinson & Brown. Dr Sam was sent for, about 10 o'clock at night all hands met near a certain stone wall 20 or 30 rods W. of Sam. Brown's big spring directly in rear of his barn - present Mr R. & Sons, Dr S., Mr Sadlers, S.W. & myself - At first it was concluded appearances seemed to warrant the creature to live, but it was soon found that she must surely die - her case being quite extraordinary - such as our doctor had never witnessed - and his practice had been very extensive - before now. Mr R. had a few days since bo't of Mr James Hicks Jr 2 three yr old heifers of which one them was the present subject - and became obligated to pay for the same \$18.00 a head. One had calved and was doing well. Sometime in the night neighbor R. to put the creature out of misery dispatched her at once. Next morning she was skinned and I was sent for to see the situation of the animal - and according to what I understood, should say that Mt H. ought not to receive full pay for s'd property - because had he not sold, he must have totally lost her himself - the cause of her death being independent of every circumstance that had taken place since Mr R. had owned her.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 9 Forgot to insert this day in due order - The weather was pretty favorable, mild, some flying cl'ds &c Messrs Bliss & H. Clark were here and drank some cider early, or in the forep't of the day. We kept Fast. Father and the girls went to hear the preaching of ~~the~~ our pastor who particularly and emphatically laid himself out as chief fault-finder. Wm Robinson called to warn me & Sylvanus to a training for choosing officers on the 19th inst. Everything respecting the day seemed like Sunday - Great doings in Algiers at playing ball.

SUNDAY, APRIL 13 Hazy sky - frosty morning- dry chilling w'ds. Besides attending to the concern above alluded to let Mr Robinson by the hands of his son John have pay in full for the sow & pigs - the bargain only obliged us to advance \$9.00 - but in consideration of many misfortunes sent him ten. S.W. Daniels visited friends in Pownal, returned with a mate to his Guinea hen. I was blessed with a scanty portion of time for reading. B. Sears came to visit us - engaged to work one day at laying shingles for his late ride to Troy. Put in the hands of N.L. Robinson \$5.00 for buying plaster - Going to Troy on Monday.

MONDAY, APRIL 14 Dry chilling N. winds with thick hazy clouds yet prevailed. Finished plowing greensward in the S. meadow - Manure was all sp'd in the meadows - over a part of which the hand roller was lassed. C. Harwood visited us at noon & at night. Started to visit Maj. Haynes' to purchase a sow & 4 pigs - stopped at F. Blackmer & Co's - Saw Sam. Scott Sen & Rexford Wittum - heard the former relate what a fine red lead bargain he made with John Mathers at the time of his breaking down at White Creek some years since - gave 8 dollars for 100 lbs and after getting home with that and other property amounting to about \$60. was offer by Dr Swift for s'd article \$16.00 Wanted to borrow, but rec'd a denial - say \$4. Fr. was not present. Made a 2d halt at U. M.





Robinson's - started the subject of butter buying - didn't relish my price 1/0 pr lb - would never again beat me down in the price of cider - that which I let him have proved to be so fine - calculated to purchase of me next fall. Capt Heman was present and put in a word as we were discoursing the point touching butter - saying "Stick to it Hiram" - "it is worth it". Believe I visited the P. Office - indeed I know I did & rec'd the Gazette for the 15th - saw W. Haswell - this was after accomplishing my main business - Proceeded to uncle S. Robinson's by the route mentioned March 21 - Made a short halt here - saw cous. Heman employed in the garden. Amada was with him - Remained in the house only long enough to pass compliments and take some cider - Cous. Edwin was some ill - had a muffler fixed over his jaws - walked with me to the house of Maj. Haynes - Mrs H. had company - her daughter Mrs Hathaway & babe - and wid. David Haynes Jr. Having seen the sow & pigs made firm bargain for the former and four of the latter at 4 weeks old - to be taken away on Monday the 21st inst - to pay for the same ten dollars to Wm Haswell who was to hold it in trust for them - Came back to uncle S's - made a brief tarry - came out into the road so as to be accommodated through the kindness of Mr Nelson with a ride up to D. Robinson Jun's - talked much on farming - Mrs Judge Fay talked of selling out her share of her late husband's estate to Sam. Fay Sen. Called at Dr N Swift's - conversed a few moments with Ed. H. about my weakness of vision - on which I gained but little light. Rec'd N.Y. Spectators of old date and came home. Sylvanus this P.M. went with horses & wagg. to Algiers for Mr Ayres, conveying to E. Waters 12 bushels potatoes on acc't and returning with ten bushels onions for Mr A. Was sold to S.H. Blackmer 4-1/4 lbs butter - cash rec'd in full 71 cents. Sold to Peck & Norton 2 fine calves - increase of F. Black & Skunk cows - the former weighing 86 - the latter 73 lbs. Mr P. took them away.

TUESDAY, APRIL 15 Cold dry N. wind continued - hazy - Garden plowed - many other concerns of small consideration attended to. Mr Andrews arrived with his lady from visiting friends in Albany. Charged \$1.44" - for use of wagg. & harness.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 16 Cold chilling northern blasts contin'd - Clear & pleas't. Two more of our excellent calves were carried off by Mr Peck - Mary Hoosick's & Litt. Line's - former 79 - the latter 94 lbs. Transported plaster into the great pasture this side Winship's in order to sow it - but the wind blew too high for us - abandoned it for other business. Hopkins accomp'd me to Maj L. Nortons and there I bought on cr 1 doz brown earthern milk-pans - largest size price \$2.00. P.M. 3 bhls oats were boiled in the caldron - performed a trip with oxen & cart to Algiers - Saw H. Waters making a horse-block at the corner of F. Blackmer & Co's store - Frank and others were looking on - took in an over-the-mountain boy passenger - lived with Isaac Weeks - said they were calculating to keep a 17 cow dairy - including 3 three year old heifers. In Algiers assisted uncle C.





Harwood in the removal of a part of his effects from E. Chase Jun's to the superb shell of Mr Isaac Crossett - another family appeared to be putting in there for a summer's residence. Took in cheese press by assistance of Isaac Hathaway and another young fellow. Got home after dark - uncle C. was with me - much puzzled about the choice of a boarding place - tarried here this night. Called at Mr Andrews' and informed his lady of the am't of my demand on account of wagg. hire - \$1.44 - Since my departure they had sold to Mr A. 11-1/2 lbs pork at 0/6 - 96 cts - and 12-1/2 do beef at 5" - 62-1/2" - sent us 2 5 frank pieces, one of which, coined in 1822, appeared very handsome - the other bore the impression of Napoleon - 1812. Mr Newton, one of our new neighbors, was said to be seriously ill. S.W.D. plowed potat. ground.

THURSDAY, APRIL 17 Dry N. wind contin'd - grew a little warmer than it had been - grass started slightly - Adeline & Hopkins took some pleasure in plucking flowers from plants in the woods, or whenever they found them - Ploughing was continued by Sylvanus - Plast. was sown by father & me - Hopkins was with us and was employed sometimes to see the distant stake across the gr'r pasture for his grand-pa. A fruitless attempt to get Montague's hayseed was made. H. Waters came down from Andrews' where he had commenced repairing the barn - accomp'd by his man Rudd - ground his adze - I played the flute for them after a manner not very elegant.

FRIDAY, APRIL 18 Cold parching wind continued - some signs of rain prevailed - fires were seen on the mountains. Father visited Mr Poole's - saw & conversed with old Mr Bills as well as his daughter Mrs P. - learned that our expected dairy maid could not oblige us with her services the ensuing season, having engaged in the same line of business with her brother in the W. Six bbls oats boiled - ground regulated about the cheese house - fence on the north line repaired by my father. Sylvanus compleated plowing in less than 3 days 6 acres ground occupied last year with corn and potatoes. Mr Newt. continued very ill. Sun dogs were seen late P.M.

SATURDAY, APRIL 19 Very chilly S. or S.E. wind prevailed - thick clds with great signs of approaching storm. Two acres of the aforesaid land whereon grew potatoes in 1827 was sown with oats, ground well harrowed over & at last rolled down smoothly & nicely. To enable us to execute business with a little more promptitude than could have been otherwise done borrowed Deac. Fay's harrow - Saw a real black calf - the deac. had fallen lately from a horse & injured one of his shoulders - could not work in consequence thereof. Spoke with uncle Elijah who said he was as well as a man could be & live. Talked with Mr Winship who calculated on getting butter of us - Bro't all things from the field that it was necessary to house. Sold to Peck & Norton 3 ordinary calves - the increase of the cows called Old Line, Lopped Horn & Wild - Bo't 8 lbs veal hind quarter at 5" pr lb - my ffather felt that this was hardly a fair thing as we were selling at a low rate such as when veal went from the butcher at 3 & 4 cts. Sylvanus attended ~~trai~~ training this P.M. to choose officers - Capt M.S. Norton having resigned his commission. David Love was elected to fill his place. Capt H. Robinson of the W. company also resign





ed and Alvah rice chosen as his successor - Some changes were made among the Artillery officers - particularly ~~the~~ not known to me. Sold this eve'g to T.Hills 14 lbs butter & 1-1/2 do to M.Manchester, for all which rec ready pay at 1/0 pr lb.

SUNDAY, APRIL 20 An eastern gale accomp'd by hail & rain of no ordinary kind prevailed during the after part of the p preceding night and continued until a late hour of the evening of this day. Thundered and lightened this evening - wind unusually high - cold, snowy & very tedious for the various animals exposed to its fury - we lost a fine young lamb in consequence of it - The roar of wind on & near the Green Mountains was tremendous. Very busy in the usual way The company of Mr Pensioner Banister (who toiled in his country's service eight long years) and that of our friend H.W. was rec'd here this day & eve'g. Went to watch with our new & sick neighbor, Mr Newton. Mr Manchester sat up until late employed in conversing with me on a variety of subjects and among others the death of the late Judge Josiah Wright of Pownal, which event took place Jan'y 1st 1817 - our fr'd resided in the family at that time and knew every circumstance respecting it.

MONDAY, APRIL 21 Snow lay on the earth pretty plentifully this morning - Cold chilling N. wind & rain contin'd through the greater part of the day - harsh & cruel to sheep & lambs - got ours into the barn. The death of Miss Caroline Norton, youngest daughter of Col. M.N. was announced by toll of bell this morning - aged about 22 yr Her character was without blemish - possessed all the endearing qualities which render us lovely and excellent members of society. She bore a long and painful illness with Christian fortitude. Accomp'd by S.W. Daniels and my daughter rode to the P.O. - saw W. Haswell & others - paid the former \$10 in money, in trust for Ira Haynes & wife, for sow & pigs. Mr H. requested me to transport a hog for him from the same neighborhood which he had bo't of widow D. Haynes Jr - promised I would

Drove on and, after warming sufficiently, received the property above described. Mrs H. thought she should like well to come down and see how they grow in order to compare them with theirs - I gave her & the Maj. a strong invitation to that effect. Adeline from the Street had obtained a passage to uncle S's in cous. Nath's wagg. - we did not call - the press of business was such. Maj. H. marched on foot up to the Court house. Left our friend's swinish ladyship at Mrs Sears'. Called for Montague's hayseed - had not arrived - performed a little errand at Richard Carpenter's for W. S. Southworth - Mr C. wanted butter & cheese - but could not eat them at my prices, 1/0, D/6 Called at Cornings' - no trading there - Dr Swift being about to resume the poss'n of his store. At F.B. & Co's store procured floss and thread amounting to 28". Rec'd cheese press levers with hooks





attached pr Chandler & Son - price 42 cents - pr Chandler & Son - price 42 cents - rather too high in my estimation, but perhaps it was right - dont know much about blacksmithing. Lent to Truman the son of Eli Carpenter 1 h. wagg. & harness to go to Niles', Shaftsbury, for the purpose of conveying some young calves which had tired down on the road beyond S.H. Brown's, which with others, he and a youngster were driving thither 20 last years cheeses and 1 made in 1826 were taken up in tolerable preservation - one of the number however was discovered to be defective & was therefore broached. The quantity, exclusive of the latter and that manufactured in 1826, might be estimated at about 570 lbs. See Saturday, Nov. 24, 1827.

TUESDAY, APRIL 22 Much snow covered the land - which however in the low lands soon vanished from our view - continued snowing & raining more or less until past noon. Close attention paid to cattle & sheep - Load of wood drawn from gen. R's woods for Mr K. Ayres. Three calves sold Peck & Norton the produce of the cows named Red Star, Huldah & Judd - the first weighed 76, the 2d 80 hfr, the last 83 lbs, bull - all averaged 4 weeks old. Sylvanus went to mill & returned with 5 lbs veal fr qr bo't of Peck & Nort. Winship bo't on cr 8-1/2 lbs butter at 1/0.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 23 Stormy and unpleas't most of the day - Snow made a fine show on the mountains. Barley was sown by Sylvanus on the patch occupied with corn & potatoes - W. part of our old garden now forming (the) a part of the S. meadow, and the dairy house - harrowed and rolled by him - I removed some wood from the main pile down to the house aforesaid, for use there. Father, Lyd. & Dama attended the funeral of Miss Norton. Cheese deposited in the dairy room. Sylvanus sent for hayseed - none procured - nothing heard from it.

THURSDAY, APRIL 24 Tolerably fair, but pretty chilly, flying clds. Wind N. A fence was built from the N.W. corner of the Tracy pasture - intended to confine our flock to the young orchard during the present season. P.M. father attended the funeral of Mr G. Gaby Sr formerly from England - but long a resident of our country in whose defense he served as a faithful soldier in the War of the Revolution and subsequently became a pensioner on that account. Much accented wit was always at hand with this good man. He was just in his dealing among men - lived in peace & quiet with all his neighbors. Mr Banister staid with us.

FRIDAY, APRIL 25 Cloudy & chilly with strong signs of rain. 12 lds manure was taken from the N. barny'd into the N. meadow - laid mostly along that part bordering on the old orchard. Little Hopkins sick - found very little time for reading - confined closely to the care of cows, swine &c. Lydia made butter pretty rapidly - Mrs Andrews paid an evening visit - sang several good little songs.

SATURDAY, APRIL 26 Some rainy early in the day - cldy & chilly to the end. Nothing very important going on in the A.M. P.M. manure was spread in the N. mead - I walked to Algiers - saw many persons at





in and about the store of J. Norton Jr - Saw the good man himself walkin with J. Lyon & Alson Squires. J. B. Norton could pay me no money - never saw such a time - could collect no money from any quarter - The Furnace Company paid out none, engaged however to pay it by the middle of May ensuing. Saw Mr Corbiere, Mr Godfrey, Mr Bratten of Stamford, nephew of Robert, a hired man to my grandfather some fifty since. Saw E. Lyon - spoke about giving him my note for lumber bo't of him during the past winter - See March 8 - He did not exact it of me - C. Harwood was a visitor at the store when Esq B. was there - I wrote a line to cous. S. Rob Jr while at the store to be forwarded on Monday requesting him to reply as to how much he would give for 100 lbs butter - thought of going out on Wednesday. Rode with Mr Rider up to J. Harwood's to leave a thin boot to be tapped - he said he should go out to walling awhile - I told him we were much in want of his work. Promised Mr Colvin 30 bbls potatoes on Monday next. Came home accompanied by uncle C. Harwood, who tarried over night, so did H.W. I must not omit that Sylvanus went to Wagers in the former part of the day and returned with a quantity of our bass wood lumber sawed out of logs conveyed there Feb'y 26. Before quitting Algiers transacted business with Mr Peck at his house.

MONDAY, APRIL 28 Nasty, unpleas't, cloudy, some rainy, very favorable to the growth of grass. Father sick, great while in the morning doing choars at barn. Sent Sylvanus to Algiers with a load of potatoes to Colvin & Rockwood, measured to M. Norton 2d 29 bbls at 25". Returned with 24 bbls oil meal towards which paid a due bill against wid. Olin for \$1.33, payable in grain or lumber. Colvin told Sylvanus it should be considered to be as good as cash. Regulated ground for the location of the cheese press. Deliv'd 3 good calves, the last of 16 to Mr Peck - sold him 11 lbs butter & rec'd pay at 0/9 - \$1.37-1/2" - to low - bo't of him 7-1/2 lbs beef at 6" - Mrs P's dog killed Sylvanus Guinea Cock - Got a little time to sp'd manure. S.W.D. visited uncle Sam's on Troy business in the evening. One of our new neighbors tried his credit for cheese & it would not bear - Didn't wish to trade so.

TUESDAY, APRIL 29 Cloudy - N. wind - homely weather. Father got horses shod at Aaron Norton's - price 88" - Sp'd manure in the N. meadow - plowed a patch E. side of the old garden, but did not quite finish it - P.M. carted Manure for Mr Bliss - S.W. Daniels with horses plowed for Capt. Waters a patch gr'd - sowed oats thereon & harrowed in the same. Two Shaftsbury men who presented themselves late P. M. in a 1 h. wagg. were employed by Mr Bliss in engrafting cions in to a few of his app. trees - warranted at 2" a piece - they put in about 200 as I understood them - performed the business in short order. Dr Swift Pres't of Bennington Bank - had Mr Waters prepare a temporary counter for the use of s'd Bank. Called at Mr Andrews to get money - Mrs A. was absent.





WEDNESDAY, APRIL 30 Not very fair, rainy toward evening. Leaves began to appear on some kinds of shrubbery. Clearing out the lower part of the dairy house against the day of beginning operations there & fixing cheese press made up a part of this day's employment. Fencing was attended to by my father. At a late hour P.M. walked to town across lots - had tin cheese hoops made by Mr Deming to whom promised to pay cash 4/0, at a short notice - Gave in B. Harwood's list - 1828 - viz, 1 y oxen, 22 cows, 2 horses & 26 h'd sheep, possessed on the first of this month - Capt H. Robinson rec'd s'd List. Sylvanus plowed garden for Mr Bliss & Mr Hollister, of the latter rec'd in full 33" - against the former our acc't stood at 4/0 for carting manure and ploughing as agreed. Saw many Court attendants about Hicks'. Lydia made it her chief business most of the day to prepare butter for the Troy market - Sylvanus made ready his wagg. P.M. Late in the evening walked out playing the flute. Met Maj L. Norton of whom obtained a Bennington Bank Bill of \$1. towards the 8-1/2 lbs butter sold his journeyman Winship - Visited the house of our neighbor Robinson - played the flute a little while - borrowed three grain bags & came home.

THURSDAY, MAY 1st Fine, fair & warm, the handsomest day since the last week in March. Sylvanus went off with a light heart and a quantity of fine butter bound to Troy. Prepared cheese press & other dairy apparatus - Drew a load of wood from the woods of gen. Rob. for Mr Ayres. Rec'd (pr) 10 cwt & 27 lbs N.S. Plast. pr N. Robinson who had the goodness to convey the same into the lot where we calculated on sowing it. Cous. Heman R. came up also. Mr Hodges Parsons dined with us. Meant to return to Long Isl'd shortly. Mr Frank Walbridge entertained our ladies with a short call. Commenced making cheese this day.

FRIDAY, MAY 2d Cloudy, rather cool - seemed to threaten rain from the south. We were busily employed in patching up board fence where it had been broken over, plowing &c. Our old friend H. Dimmick called upon us about noon and rendered us some of his excellent service & skill among the young of our swine. Dined and conversed with us a good while - Sylvanus arrived from Troy about dark - his butter weighed 94-1/2 lbs and sold for 16 cts pr lb - rec'd his cash  $\frac{1}{2}$  \$15.12-1/2. Bo't 12 hund. plast. a portable furnace, largest size & 1 pr suspenders. The first article amounted to \$4.53 the 2d to \$1.50 the last to 32". Performed well.

SATURDAY, MAY 3 Cloudy, warmish like spring, had a short thunder shower at night. The A.M. was mostly taken up in preparing the gr'd & planting lady fingers, egg potatoes & on the gr'd mentioned on the 29th ult. P.M. father & S.W.D. sowed plaster. I walked into the street. Saw D. Clark - asked him for money - had none, nor could he get any. Previous to going up the hill paid Mr Deming 4/0 for cheese hoops, bo't a skimmer for 1/0 on credit. At Fisk's saw four criminals, fettered, bro't out for a ride to their future residence at Windsor. T. Hills took charge of them - their names were, Elder S. Savery, Mr Johnson, Brown & Archibald Duncan - with the last I spoke & shook hands. Sentenced from 2 yrs to 7. Saw Edgerton, Col Merrill, Col Norton, Col Brownell, E.D. Spencer &c. Paid U.M. Robinson borrowed money \$4.00 Paid at Hicks' gen Robinson collector of Minister Salary in full for 1828 six dollars or say 1827-8.







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At Church & Lyman's office settled an account with G. Corning & Co., E. Safford agent - the amount was \$5.89 including about \$2.10 grave clothes for neighbor Kent - gave my note for the above payable at the expiration of sixty days - drawn by E. Safford - Isham, J. S. Robinson and Mr Hollister were present. S. W. Daniels this evening after my return from town, rode up in the l h. wagg. after the pony with a view of going to Hathaway's to bring home the cow which I bo't of him March Meeting day - conveyed by the way 4 lbs butter to J. Loomis Jun's, at 14 c's - but the horse beyond Field's accidentally broke harness & ran away with him - turned up by S. Fay's - mended harness - got under way and the horse took fright again and showed a hot disposition for speed - Managed to reach uncle Sam's - staid until the rain was over and then returned home mounted, leaving the wagg. behind. Saw F. Childs this P.M., enquired his prices for ladies cloth shoes & boots - the former \$1.50 - the latter \$2.25 at six months cr if I wished. Our good friend & Instructor W. S. Southworth arr'd here with 4 No's of the Casket, this eve'g, in pretty good health & spirits. Must notice receiving a handsome & intelligent letter from our old friend C. Brown, Dated Berlin, N.Y., April 26 1828, substance at a more leisure day.

SUNDAY, MAY 4      Mainly pleas't - vegetation seemed to be in some forwardness. Enjoyed a little more time in reading the N.Y. Spect. than for sometime past. Father accomp'd by Mr Southworth went to meeting - Daniels went to Pownal - Emerson Gleason came to pay us a visit, being on his return from Mt Washington, Ms - engaged us to do a job of teaming a week hence - tarried over night with us. Uncle C. Harwood visited us.

MONDAY, MAY 5      Clear & pleas't w'd mostly S.-warm P.M. Busy with father at the S. part of the farm sowing plaster. Daniels with horses, oxen & plough worked for Messts Chandler & Son. Mr Southworth began keeping Dist. Sch. in Dis. No. 2 - had 14 scholars. By Geo Solomons had a line from Dr Swift requesting me to go with him to Troy on Wednesday - stating that he should carry with him a quantity of money - Returned an answer that I would go.

TUESDAY, MAY 6      Pleas't, fine & cloudy-wd S. Thund. & rained at night Preparation was made for planting potatoes - Some operation was wrought upon the garden. Mr Northup came on a similar errand to that which he executed about 11 or 12 months since - would ensure for \$3. in consequence of our ill fortune last summer. Crossing over to Algiers, had a newspaper in which read the particulars of the destruction of the Brunswick Theatre lately erected in the E. part of the City of London - The roof fell in sometime toward the end of Feb'y. 10 or 12 persons were killed outright & several others were wounded. Rec'd on the order of Capt A. Dimmick from J. B. Norton \$20. Saw & conversed with Mr G. Godfrey. Did not take any interest at this time on the \$20. deferred it until another day. Visited Mr Peck who was employed in butchering calves - also J. Rogers about shoes - informing him that rather than to pay for shoes at 0/9 pr lb for butter would choose to pay the cash - had much light conversation with J. R. & friends. Price of ladies boots \$2.25. Went out to see J. Norton Jr - found





him near his house conversing with U.M. Robinson. Informed him my business was to procure a sum of public money in his hands which he held as one of our P. Committee previous our last election - gave me a verbal order on his brother at his store - Sat & talked with him sometime in house - endeavored to persuade him to send 2 of his children into our district to attend the school of our fr'd Southworth - seemed to talk favorably of the scheme. At the store received in handsome Bennington money from the hand of J.B. Norton \$17.00 for which signed a receipt as School Committee - sixty cents yet due from J. Norton Jr - Started off for town Street - saw & spoke with H. Clark who said he'd mend the big brass kettle if I'd bring it Capt Hills' - Being arrived in the St. called at Dr S's store - Bo't of Mr Demming a tin skimmer, price 1/0, it was afterwards returned to get another of larger size - Wanted to see Mr Brooks whom I found shaving Reub Robinson who for several days hzd been severely confined by a rheumatic complaint of the inflammatory kind. Mr B. w would not engage to do our whitewashing until after planting.. Dr Swift said he would let me know the hour of being ready to visit Troy. Went up the Hill to the P. Office - saw J. Loomis Jr who offered to pay for his butter sold him last Saturday, but his offering Washington & Warren money & not being able to give him exactly the am't, put it over to another opportunity. Engaged to T. Hendryx 10 lbs butter at 14 cts pr lb.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 7 Cool & cldy, wind N.W. Ploughing & furrowing ground to plant made the chief business at hand. P.M. marched for the Street - rec'd ar Dr S's Spect of Apr 25 - Exchanged gard seeds & money for 1/2 quire writing paper with F.B. & Co. Saw uncl S. Robinson, Heman R. & many more assisting at the removal of M.L. Norton house - once the hatters shop - first built by a Mr Allen who occupied it only a few years, then by W. Church & lastly by that noted knave Frank Clark. Called at uncle Sam's house on my way to A. Hathaway's - Read newspapers along with aunt Sarah - visited cousin Edwin who was splitting rails in his father's service - there was another youth in his company - supposed it to be one of Judge Stephen's boys - Gave time for cous. E. to sup - then by consent went with me to Mr Hathaway's. I was rather undetermined whether or not to take away s'd cow - Mr H. seemed quite indifferent, but I finally concluded on taking possession of the beast, therefore made fast a cord to her horns and commenced travelling towards home accompanied by fr'd E. - was met by C. Hicks a neighbor of Mr H. who called out, being in a l h. wagg. he would give me all the road, for he was glad to see her going - Met cous. N. Robinson just returned from Troy - beyond Haswell's, borrowed meal bags of him in order to fetch plast. from Troy. Called at T. Hendryx's where I had left 10 lbs butter at 14" on short cr, to get the pail. We arrived safe here past 9 - the cow behaved well - to pay \$20. for her on the first of June - she would have a calf about the middle of the month - if it proved to be a heifer, would take it away at 3 days old & give me \$1. for her





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THURSDAY, MAY 8 Cold morning, but fine fair day afterwards. As early as could well be, prepared for Troy. Halt at Dr Swift's and receive the Dr as passenger - Proceeded to the store - took in a large square trunk usually denominated a calico trunk - drove up to the Bank at wid. Geo. Robinson's - here were D. Robinson Jun, S. Hinsdill and S.C. Raymond O Directors & Cashier - proceeded to assist in carrying downstairs bags of specie in a basket - never was so employed before and it is not very probable shall be again - Capt D. assisted personally in this branch - stowed the bags in the big trunk - last of all had to get down a keg that would perhaps contain ten gallons, full of half dollars - it was just as much as I could lift - said to comprise the amount of \$3600 - besides which the doctor had his travelling trunk put on board in which he had deposited a large amount of paper (as I supposed) on other banks. The amount of specie according to what the Doct. informed me was about \$8945. and there was paper enough to bring it up to say \$21,000 to be deposited at one of the banks in Troy by the President. All things being amply arranged started off with flying colors. We had a very pleasant passage - talked of various subjects - our spirits never flagged all the way - made but one call - and that at Mr Snyder's where there was plenty of company - heard a teamster swearing about M. G. Watson's cheating him in making a sett of harness for him - our tarry was short - arrived at Titus', Troy, early as 3 P.M. Staid near the wagg. for some time for fear of what might happen - Mr T & men were employed in the removal of wood placed at one end of the horse shed against the N. edge of which somebody seemed to be digging a cellar or a place to hold a great cistern or some such business and it was found that the pile of wood was going to be undermined. Dr S. was off trying to bargain away his cash to the highest bidder - at length he completed a contract with Farmer's Bank, whence it was conveyed on b'd my wagg. A Paddy assisted in unloading - made some queer observations - he belonged to the establishment of Mr Titus. Being so connected with the Dr's business necessarily caused me to neglect my own - went attempt giving particulars - Bo't an Almanack for six cents also a Latin Dictionary - printed 1824 for Mr Southworth & paid \$3. for the same. Bo't at the old Red Mill 1/2 ton plaster for which paid \$3.75. Stabled horses at E.D. Waters' near the Court house - visited cous. Samuel R. in his new establish't. S. Montague had left here - went back to Waters' to make secure some things I had left carelessly in W's yard - staid a little while talking with Mr Vail & others - Returned again to cous. S's & slept with D.B. Robinson. In the course of the evening saw and passed the usual compliments with my old friends J.J. Hendryx, his brothers T. & D. Oatman.

FRIDAY, MAY 9 Fine day but pretty warm, wind S. Performed business with all the dispatch I could muster - still owing to their having so many calls to attend and many other reasons which might be mentioned could not leave until late in the morning - Bo't of J. Gary 1 side grain leather, cow hide shaved down, price





23/0 - paid to the cl'k Nath'l Gorham Brown \$2. the remainder to run awhile. Bo't some light articles amounting to 3/0 p'd at Brinkenhoffs Took in at Pattisons. At Harts a keg of cents, valued at \$130., pr order Dr Swift, for S.C. Raymond, Cashier Bennington Bank. Rec'd some litish articles at Dr Lyman's & at Corning's on the Dr's private acc't, making up a load altogether of say from thirteen to sixteen hund. Bo't of cous. S Robinson 1 gall. molasses and paid 40 cents therefor. Rec'd a present o of him consisting of a codfish that weighed 13 lbs - made the best of my way for home - arrived at Wadsworth's past 2 P.M. Saw Mr W. who had lately recovered from sickness at Albany while attending the Legislature of which he was a member for the county of Washington. A young man, wh who from his conversation I presumed belonged to Troy, same there - ju just recovering from a severe illness - seemed to well acquainted with the family and very familiar - had a gr't desire to know his name, but forgot to inquire. Elisha Lovett also gave a call in his patched up sulky - supposed him to be on his way to Pownal. After a pretty long stop again put forward and by steady and hard tugging - more especially in ascending that hard, heavy and team tiring hill near Ira Armstrong's arrived past 8 in the evening at the store of Dr Swift's and there delivered my load, excepting what belonged to ourselves. Ed. H. weighed the articles belonging to his father excepting the trunk in which had been transported the specie, amounting to 118 pounds - thought including said trunk it should be set down at 150 - the keg of cents weighed 349-1/2 lbs, chargeable to the Bank. Barnabas Wood, A. Randall & others were present. Reached home past ten - learned that one of our cows since my absence came near being lost - but as good luck would have it she was extricated from the hazardous situation in which she was found without receiving any essential injury - usually bore the name of skunk - she fell through into a shallow chasm where she remained in mud and cold water up to her middle for more than 24 hours - so far swallowed up that nothing but her head & horns were to be seen. This place may be viewed by going over our Ridge of Rocks where the brook loses itself in seeking a passage under them. My father became greatly for the creature - he & Sylvanus made a dillig't search and enquiry all over the neighborhood before accident disclosed the secret. It was by the barking of Wm Wallace's great dog LaFayette that caused Sylvanus to turn his eye that way.

SATURDAY, MAY 10 Cldy, SW w'd. App. blossoms began to appear. Assisted at planting potatoes. Returned to rest quite fatigued. Em Rob. in 1 h. wagg. rec'd for her father 2 bhl's barley at 50" pr bhl. Sylvanus furrowed gr'd for planting corn.

SUNDAY, MAY 18 Dry S. wind, cloudy, signs of rain. Attended principally to writing - perused papers - looked to the welfare of the creatures - ceased to feed cows with oil meal early in the month, say 5th or 6th. Blossoms & leaves coming forth very favorably. Father & Mr Southworth went to meeting. Dont recollect much that was going on. S.W. Daniels visited Pownal and bro't thence a male companion for his guinea hen.

MONDAY, MAY 12 Wind fresh from S. cldy, good for business. Four acre gr'd planted with corn, most of it rolled in plaster Gr'd occupied last year in the same way - see May 1827 - Emerson Gleason who came down from Shaftsbury with horses & wagg. assisted in the P.M. Turned cows out to grass in the old sheep pasture. They had previously for three or four days been strolling about the woods.







TUESDAY, MAY 13 File for business. Sylvanus, horses, oxen & cart went in Em Gleason's service to drawing wood from the old Elijah Robinson house to Capt Waters' - to be paid for in hay-ing & harvest.

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Do not very distinctly recollect what was going on - believe that my father & myself were employed in sowing plaster - S. part of the farm.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 14 Suppose it was cloudy with signs of rain. Think we were employed in planting potatoes in the S. meadow. The Solomon's cow strayed off into the woods - we felt anxious concerning her - the other cows were suffered to feed in the young orchard and pasture attached thereto. Found said cow in gen. Robinson's woods late P.M. with a young calf by her side - she eventually proved to be a first rate milker. May 24th at twice milking gave ab't 40 lbs milk.

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THURSDAY, MAY 15 Must refer to another date respecting this date. Presume it was rather chilly - rained some I think.

FRIDAY, MAY 16 Rained considerably - grass seemed to flourish finely. Many minor objects engrossed our attention which, now, 25th, are forgotten by me. A calf was decessioned by Sylvanus. Mrs Kellogg & son on their return to Wmst'n in a pleasure 2 h. waggon made a short visit P.M. Miss Thompson came down in W. Haswell's chaise to get information respecting the Parson Place, formerly the property of the heirs of Elijah Boardman. Settled off & p'd to Pomp Vanderburgh, a man of color, for 1 & 1/2 days labor at whitewashing \$1.75 cents by the hand of Ed H. Swift by request from me in writing - was so situated that I could not make it but at home, having no bill less than for \$5. On Thursday eve'f this African toad pilfered from my wallet as it lay on my desk a quarter of a dollar which I did not miss until after his departure. He boasted as I was afterwards informed of having rec'd for his job here \$2. & another circumstance established his guilt pretty fully - Ed Swift when he paid my order handed him a \$2 bill & Mr V.D.B. produced a piece in change that was stained with red chalk. That which I lost was bro't from Troy in my pantaloons pocket wherein was a piece of that kind of chalk - I was sensible that I was paying him 25 cents over his demand at the time of settlement, because he pretended to have only \$1 pr day, said however he must have \$1.75 - Mr Dexter paid him that - so I thought I would not be small with him, little suspecting his villany at the time. So much for the employment of a thief in our service. Mr Peck rec'd 2 ordinary veal calves on which, belonging to the Kelly cow, proved to be very poor. Said he lost 3/4 of the meat, it was so poor.

SATURDAY, MAY 17 Opened very fine this morning after the rain - Blossoms were near the full, some cloudy, Forgot to mention that on Friday eve'g went to Capt Norton's to see his daughter Mrs Barney respecting the school. Discoursed very freely & sociably with the capt. Saw Mrs L. Safford. Mrs B. could not consent to take the school. This m'g visited Maj L. Norton, very busy in conversation with him some time, on cattle chiefly. Saw Esq Bates, requested him to say a favorable word to friend C. House in regard to one of his prime ministers. The Maj lent me N.Y. papers - assisted in mending up bars in his Champney-Winship line fence. Assisted father in laying up rail fence between the cow pasture & oat field. Occupied last year with potatoes. See May 1827 Sylvanus plowed Mrs Kent's garden, price 50". P.M. started for Peters'h in order to look a dairy & weaving maid. Beyond E.D. Hubbell's or per-







haps it might have been this side, overtook and invited a stranger walking with his budget under his arm to ride with me - he accepted of the invitation. Previous to getting on the road

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road transacted the business mentioned on Friday at the store of Dr S. I will also say that Mr Southworth left his school by mutual consent last evening. To return to my companion - found him sociable - related to him the little story of cuffee8s dishonesty - he then informed me of a loss which he had sustained in that way of about \$25. Warn in New Hampshire, had taught school in various places - Brooklyn, Townshen &c. Had lived at Tyconderoga, N.Y., knew the heirs of the late Eleazer Harw'd who with their mother was doing well - young Mr Pike was the widow's Agent, expected to marry one of the girls. Col Case agent to widow Kellog had run down through intemperance, bad management &c. Being arrived at Newell's 4 Corners, after much friendly conversation, he treated me with a glass of beer & unsolicited would pay me for his ride, so I accepted of 12 cents. The young man said his name was John Miriam, 24 y'rs of age, clothier by occupation, also made no small pretensions to the business of teaching school. In consequence of information from Dr N. Swift I met, nor far from Mr Harp. Rogers' on his return from a medical visit to Col Powers who was ill of a liver comp't, that the Ford at Cases' was safe - took the road leading S. from the F. Corners, crossed the river without trouble, arrived in the Kitchen Village about sunset, got a few rods past on the S. road, met a young lady apparently returning from an PM visit, her look was what we usually denominate "smart", asked her if she could inform me where I might hire a young lady of the description mentioned above? She replied at first that she did not, but after a mom't recollected a Miss Wilsey daughter of Tho's W. about 17 who would in part answer my (de) purpose - she particularly spoke her sister, about 19, living with as being exactly up to all I could wish, but she said she could give me not the least encouragement as to obtaining her services, having already spent two or three seasons at Mr Cases' whereby she had become much debilitated. Desired her to inform the young lady of my application so as to be able in case I should prove unsuccessful elsewhere to let me know what to expect of her sister. Kept pushing slowly along, watched the appearance of the clouds from which expected rain, and I was not mistaken. One & a half miles this side of Worthington's took in a young stuttering man who said his name was Lamb - worked for E.L. Powers at making stone wall - begzn to rain pretty soakingly, hoisted an umbrella, rode skow, for it was dark, talked much - he represented his father as being worth a good deal of property when on enquiry I found he in reality possessed nothing, had taken the benefit of the Insolvent Act - hired the place formerly called his at \$150. ann. As it was dark & rainy accepted of an invitation from the young man to accompany him to his gFather's - turned out of the road through a gate, advanced some little distance up a gentle rise of ground and made safe arrival - had my beast unsaddled & stabled in a very snug warm stable. Got into the great Kitchen about 8 o'clock in the eve'g. I must once for all say that there were greater signs of sluttishness in & about this mansion than I ever remember to have witnessed before. There was such a stench that I at once drew up a notion that the residence must be a very unhealthy one, but found afterwards on enquiry that the tenants of this wonderful house were as healthy as their neighbors. A long interval elapsed between my introfuction and supper which was improved conversing mostly







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with the old gentleman. Informed me of having visited Bennington some years since - mentioned that a Mr Josh Randall of Petersburg in a sudden fit of anger in endeavoring to drive one of a very valuable span of horses into the stable accidentally hurled a club in such way as completely to cut out one of his eyes in a most shocking manner. Many anecdotes and such like subjects were talked of - At length supper was announced, sat to the table and ate heartily although the fare was not perhaps so very curious as might have been bo't at one of our great Hotels I was hospitable entertained here & therefore ought not complain of anything. Retired to rest late as ten o'clock - old loom starch or some other very stinking substance dreadfully offended my smelling powers. Let sleep tell the remainder of the story. On the road I made frequent enquiry for girls. At Elijah Reynolds seeing the good people milking their cows put the same question to them and rec'd an answer in the negative. Their cows amt'd to 27.

SUNDAY, MAY 18      Cloudy in the morning - good deal of clear sky during the day - wind mainly E., rained on the E. Mountain. Departed early, bestowed a few compliments to let them know I was not altogether insensible to the favors I had rec'd at their hands - rec'd an invitation to breakfast which I declined. Arrived in good season at Mr Phillip's - was rec'd in the usual kind & friendly manner - found all in usual health. A black man was there well dressed & cleanly in his person - had some property at his residence in Stephentown - was represented a fine Christian man - by request of Mr P. made a handsome prayer - had never learned to read -, was ab't 70 yrs of age. After breakfast Mr P. invited me to go with the family to church, as 4 of her children were that day going to be baptised - did not choose to attend, felt unwell and went to bed - during that time most of the family rode off to meeting leaving cous. Margaret to take care of the little ones. These young converts above named were going to join the Methodists. Our black friends name was Spencer - was a slave in his youth - had enjoyed freedom more than thirty years. When I arose called for writing materials and penned a letter to my old friend Charles Brown in answer to his of April 26th - hav'nt time scarcely to mention it - performed it as well as I could, and that not very well. Discoursed with old Mr Phillips a little - Read Spectator which I carried over - held a short dialogue with cous. M., indeed talked with her a good deal. Late in the day walked with Mr Phillips over the high hill W. of his house - saw many barren pastures off N.W. - took a road leading S. down a very long hill - at length arrived at the house of Mr Hymes in Berlin where lay a man named Mattison, terribly wounded in one side near the hip with a broad axe - had been confined I think 2 weeks - at first his life was despaired of, but they now entertained great hopes of his recovery. Rec'd the wound while employed by Mr H. about raising or doing something about the construction of new hog sty - the axe flew off the helve as one the gentlemen present was wielding it on the upper part of the frame. Mr M. as I understood the story stood on the gr'd - below his friend - a large piece of the corner of said axe, which I saw, entered as mentioned above.





The reason why I visited this gentleman's house was to know whether I could engage his daughter, ab't 21 or 22 yrs of age to work for us - but the good old lady, not much over my own age, stated that it was not the intention of her girl to work abroad through the season - meant to do a few jobs at spinning and employ the remainder of her time sewing &c for herself. I rather suspected she intended to get married - the lady was from home, so this project fell through. After spending a little time we took leave & returned to Mr P's by the same route which we followed going over. Would just mention the case of a Mr Murray of the afores'd neighborhood whose wife for the last 12 months, if I mistake not, had been in a kind of delirium, would hide knives and razors with a seeming intention of doing mischief - quarelled away all her kind maids - every way almost what she ought not to be - consequently his affairs were in a ruinous condition - was almost determined to break up housekeeping. When arrived at Mr P's it was dark - Spent the evening very agree ably. the orchards in this part of the country were in full bloom. In Bennington the same had occurred a few days in advance.

MONDAY, MAY 19 Flying clds, rather chilly, pleas't, wind N.W.

Having rec'd the most friendly, kindly and neighborly treatment from Mr P. lady and family took leave about 8 or 9 o'clock in the morning. A deliberate steady pace brought me on the road home a short distance this side E. Reynold's where meeting an elderly lady renewed my inquiry respecting a girl - at first she said she knew of none but on further reflection informed me of Jane Joy who she thought would if not already engaged answer my purpose well - must call at the red house, the late residence of John Reynolds, for information - did so - they referred me to her sister living in a small house opposite - marched over and found a young married lady having by her side a cradle wherein lay a little innocent. She represented her sister as being entirely unfit for my employment - her health was very poor - was not experienced in the dairy line and besides was already under engagement to Mr Case where she had gone to execute some spinning - could give me no information where to find another - girls very scarce. Again pursued my journey homeward, had not gone a great way when an oldish lady came out out of a house which I was passing by & requested to ride with me - granted at once. Soon found her to be the mother of those ladies last mentioned, and she gave a pitiful relation of her daughters health - said she was going to see Col Powers who was dangerously ill, but said to be better this morning. Informed also that a young woman only ab't 18, having one child by imprudently making use a powder horn, yesterday, to strike up a fire, rec'd a most terrible shock & got sadly burnt by the explosion of s'd powder - she resided in the neighborhood - forget the name. Halted to see Miss Blair, the lady mentioned on Saturday - like wise Miss Wilsey and after some few jokes got what information I could respecting her sister, who would engage to me if nothing had occurred more than she knew of since she last saw her - parted with these ladies in good humor - left Mrs J. at (C) a house near Col Powers' - crossed the river at the ford near Case's - excellent crossing - Called at C's and found two girls claring out the cheese







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house - one of them enquired my name saying she thought she had seen me before - gave my name - conversed some respecting Mr C's dairy - had not commenced making cheese yet - Mr C. had sold out a part of his cows to a Mr Wilcox who had hired or taken the remainder. My business here was to learn whether the young lady I was now in pursuit of was at Mr Bratt's - they did not think it was so, but could not say positively. Continued advancing - stopped at the old Bratt house - took a glass of water - came up to the Pool mills and there took directions for reaching the house of Tho's Wilsey - turned to the right began to ascend the hills, made one blunder by taking John Bratts Lane - saw them winnowing corn - got back into the main road - enquired at the next house & finally being put into the road leading up the mountain to Mr W's after a pretty serious tug reached the place near the summit about noon - tied the good beast, to which was given a baiting of hay, walked into the house & without much introduction let them know my errand - At first it was thought their daughter could not be had at present because only an hour or two before information or a promise or whatever you please had been sent to Moses Whipple, Pownal, that she would do housework for them awhile. But on representing my situation and how much pains I had taken to find a girl and that if their daughter would come & live with us the present season - she should not be enslaved - we would do honorably by her &c they concluded to recall the message to Whipple & suffer her to try her fortune among the Harwoods - at 75" pr week - talked of having her tarry with us, extraordinaries excepted until the first of Oct. next - understood weaving as well as most kinds of housework. Miss Margaret was gone from home - her parents engaged that on Saturday next she would be in readiness to ride to our house from her aunt's at Ira Armstrong's at the top of Line Hill. Engaged to send for her on that or the succeeding day. Young J. Bratt rode up on horseback having with him a very fine span of greys which had never been worked much - heard him swear pretty roundly because a skunk had broken up a turkey's nest containing say 19 eggs, leaving only 3 or 4 untouched - had since taken the animal supposed to be the author of the mischief in a trap & put it to death by burning.

Having thus far accomplished the main part of my business returned home by about 4 O'clock P.M. - was informed that previous to my arrival capt. Chase had rec'd 9 bush. potatoes and paid in full \$2. - U.M. Robinson for use of beds \$2.50. Deliv'd 2 bbls cider racked off to young Knapp for Elisha Lyon, Woodford, towards boards - Feb 1st. 20 bbls potatoes was sent by S.W. Daniels to John Harwood on acc't - would just observe that although our friend Mr W. was located on a farm so elevated yet did it appear, and he confirmed it, that the land was warm & quick, gravelly - rocks composed of a kind of green slate - had corn that had been planted - up & almost large enough to hoe. His house he considered to be within the limits of Petersburgh near the N.E. corner of said township.

Mr W.S. Southworth entered here as boarder at \$1.25 pr week. Had sometime since commenced reading Blackstone with Hall & Blackmer.





TUESDAY, MAY 20 Pretty pleas't - grew cldy - towards evening. Employed with father and Daniels in fixing fences on the S. Norton line and north side of the lane. Shut up the 9 acre old ox pasture in which the cows had grazed for three or four days and turned them into the great pasture adjoining Norton's. Mr Southworth having by mutual consent given up his school contract - as committeeman paid him for his half month, or what amt'd to nearly that, \$4.55 out of the public money in my custody.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 21st Began to rain about noon, continued more or less wet the remainder of the day. Blossoms past the full. Cleared the cellar of potatoes at the dairy house, not only cleared it of potatoes but of as much filth and dirt as was practicable. All hands went to the grove & procured staging poles for shingling the N. side of the barn. Cous. N. Robinson came down with 500 w't plast. James Nichols would bring from Troy the remainder of half a ton. Settled our plaster concern, had paid over to him just \$13.00 - remained in his hands \$1.03 - bo't now of him 1 shad, price 13" leaving a balance of \$1.50 in my favor which I requested him to pay lay out for plaster. Attended to indoor concerns.

THURSDAY, MAY 22 Rained very powerfully great part of the day, did not finally cease until late P.M., streams very high. W. Bates made an unsuccessful application for horses & wagg. to perform an expedition about 70 miles into the State of Massachusetts with stone ware. Sold a yellow calf the produce of the yellow heifer, to Peck & Norton, the 19th deliv'd them the pres't season. Mr P. came himself in the rain on this errand. Spent a part of the time in writing in this b'k

FRIDAY, MAY 23 Flying clouds - mainly fair. We were busied at chopping wood at the door. Mr Austin Dimmick came from town on his way home - called and after taking some cider related some wonderful stories of himself - hairbreadth escapes in Rho. Island, Vermont &c. Had visited Richm'd, Virginia, many years since. Turned all our creatures usually fed with hay, out to graze in the pastures which were in pretty good condition. Cous. Hem. Rob. visited us.

SATURDAY, MAY 24 Cold chilly N. wind. Attended to sowing plaster in the old ox-pasture. Load of wood drawn for Mr Ayres. The quarters of a large oak for rails were drawn to a convenient place to operate on at some future day. Sent Adeline to see Mr Jewett respecting our school - answer was returned that he should endeavor to look up a lady to teach the school the present season. Would go to Pownal on that errand. Went to Capt Watsons' and had cheese followers made for which he charged 2/0 - supped there. Young Hendryx came to wait upon Miss Mary Waters from Troy, N.Y. Viewed Miss Caroline's shop My minutes would say that C. Harwood tarried with us over night.

SUNDAY, MAY 25 Very chill S.E. wind - some rain towards eve'g. Busy about cheese - attended to writing and to the papers. Nathan L. & Henry Robinson called upon us after returning from a walk on Mount Anthony. H. Waters was also one of our guests - S.W. Daniels went to Pownal - after his return rode out to Armstrong's and waited upon Miss Wilsey to our home - She came to work for us - came from J Armstrong's. C. Harwood here.





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SUNDAY, JULY 6

We will now give a kind of summary of the weather from the 26th May to Saturday, July 5th inclusive. 26th chilly, blue & cldy - 27th cold & showery A.M. high N.w'd. Fine feed on the road - never knew it better - 28th Pleas't, pretty fine day, wind N. - 29th south wind, cldy, expected rain - 30th strong S. wind - rained thund. shower P.M. pretty heavy - enjoyed calm towards eve'g - 31st rained much - believe wind also mostly N. - Sunday, June 1st cold & chilly - 2d hazy & fresh from S.E. or say S. - Rainy the 3d, not cold, grass growing season - wind S. - 4th tolerabl't pleas't, warm, wind perhaps N. - 5th app'd cloudy, rained some during A.M. roads bad - 6th very warm, some cloudy, wind S. - June 7th Extrmely warm A.M. - P.M. one of the greatest thun. storms visited us from N.W. that had been known for many years - there was a considerable fall of hail in certain parts which damaged grain to no small amount. Our neighbors Fay & Loomis suffered much in that way. It thundered powerfully and the brooks & rivers rose to a pitch far surpassing anything of the kind witnessed for many years - 8th cool, flying clds w'd N. - 9th cold, much like the 8th - 10th S. wind & cldy, water cont'd high - 11th about the same - 12th cldy, warm, wd S. had thund. shower P.M. - 13th S. wind, a good deal of rain fell before noon - P.M. had several heavy showers with thunder - Considered a very wet season - 14th cleared up fine - the prospect was flattering for a continuation of such weather - very growing time - 15th flying clds - very warm pleas't growing season - 16th Fair, extremely warm - 17th something on the showery order - 18th warm indeed, several smart showers were experienced - 19th tolerably fair with many flying clds - 20th very fine warm growing time - 21st continued nearly the same excepting an increase of powerful heat - 22d fine and fair wd S. as it was on the 21st - 23d very fine with flying clds, wind S. - 24th warm to extrme - thund. showers were seen in our neighborhood - but did not visit here - 25th the heat was almost insupportable, became cldy tow'ds evening, still the heat was very great - Rained some the following night - 26th no perceptible difference between this and the 25th as to heat - never a more growing season - 27th hottest day yet, the mercury stood in the shade at noon at 96 degrees - 28th continued warm without much abatement - some wind stirring - in a degree cldy - thund. but had no rain - 29th flying clds, pretty clear P.M. very hot growing season - June 30th great quantity of water was showered upon us this morning - thund'd heavy & long, more pleas't P.M. July 1st sometimes pretty hot, began to thund. at the S.E. by 10 A.M. rained soakingly P.M. - 2d fine with flying clouds - much more cool & pleas't than heretofore - 3rd comparatively cool, but few showers - 4th not over warm, pretty mild, showery P.M. especisly in Pownal - Thundered occasionally - heard some heavy guns at the W. - 5th Flying clouds - less showery than on the 4th.





MONDAY, MAY 26 Twenty six sheep were washed by Sylvanus and me in Bennington River near the residence of S. Robinson D<sup>n</sup>r, very cold getting into the water, but once in we cared but little about it. Father caught & threw the animals to us - Uncle Sam helped them out after being washed - We dined at his house. Eph Sealey was there whitewashing. Returned home in the 2 horse wagg. bringing with us 5 hund. Nova Scotia Plaster. Seing a man at or near Hicks' with a load of wooden dishes, bo't one for a dollar - supposed afterwards I might have purchased for less had I not made my bargain in too much haste - his asking price if I mistake not was 6/9 - it is quite probable it could have been procured for 4/6 - I thought it a very suitable utensil in the butter making business - The man shewed us another of immense size - it resembled a potash kettle in miniature. After getting home found our sheep had missed their way - had to go back to hunt them up - discovered them in one of gen. Robinson's pastures S. of the Col-lar house - a son of capt H. Robinson drove home his cows as I came along with the flock. Before going out to drive these - saw at Hicks' L. Sherwood Jr - was shown one of his fine studs - employed one of the Boothe boys to manage and feed said beast - thought he appeared finely. Rec'd of J. Loomis Jr sixty cents in full for butter. Paid by the hand of S.W. Daniels, L. Patchin & Cp 2/0 in full for a straw hat purchased for sd Daniels some days previously. Sold to Truman Hendryx 24-3/4 lbs cheese on acc't at 0/6. J. Harwood came to making shoes for us. Contradicted Mr Bliss with regard to receiving one dollar in cash for ploughing his garden in 1826 in the month of May - He said he offered us that and actually paid the same to S.W. Daniels who performed the work for us I was very positive that we asked nor received but fifty cents - had neglected in being particular in writing the account of that day as customary with me - nothing being mentioned of the transaction for 17th May the day on which it happened - I was busy at that period in preparing to go to Troy, and besides our neighbor Emir Hill died about that time - was very sure of having rec'd only the sum of last mentioned and so I find it entered in my cash book under s'd date - Sylvanus was sure of receiving no more - all this however did not satisfy Mr B. who stuck to it very pertinaciously - saying at the same time he did notice complain of it as it was his own offer. Bo't of F.B. & Co 18" worth of tape & tobacco.

TUESDAY, MAY 27 Worked on the road - S. Loomis Surveyor - very unpleasant, so wet - showered many times - cold N. wind. Some hands dined with us. Friend Southworth staid from the office - made a cheese knife for my fair lady - we turned cheese after dark - Esq Bates & others who worked about the Blue Hill were full of jokes & old cider - Many young men on the road never empl'd before.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 28 On the road again - after working it to E. Fay's stopped short on acc't of all below to Pownal line being laid apart to receive the labor to be wrought thereon on acc't of \$130. fine. Dined at Levi Jewett's, his mother acted as cook. P.M. the Fuller bridge & road and the Loomis' & Carpenter roads were wrought upon. According to information our tax am'td to \$5.44 May 15th finished planting. Great rain commenced that day - lasted till next day.







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THURSDAY, MAY 29 Fifty acres pasture land sown over with plaster.  $\sqrt{}$  P.M. the lane below the house was wrought upon as highway duty. W.S. Southworth erected stove & pipe for Mrs S. Harwood. Sylvanus went down in the big road, S. end of the neigh'd to find one of our shovels. Three gall's brandy was deliv'd S. Wagar tow'd sawing basswood timber, making the 4th paid out on that acc't. Sold to S.H. Brown 1 bhl lady finger potatoes for Mr Snider's on cr't. A Missionary Sermon was this day delivered at the Cong. Meeting house by D.A. Clark.

FRIDAY, MAY 30 Variously employed until noon, turning cheese, fixing press &c. Daniels gets home a quantity of basswood b'ds and maple scantling from S. Wagar's. P.M. walked to cous. S. Harwoods - E.p't of the T. - himself & boys gone a-fishing on the mount. Left directions for making a pair of cheese hoops - 6-1/4 inches high - & 16-1/2 in diameter - Came down to Algiers & tarried at J. Norton's Jrs store during the fall of a heavy (thund) shower of rain - Saw Mr Godfre Sr, Mr Corbiere, Mr A. Brown of Pownal and others - the last paid back 1 12 cents, money which he rec'd 4th of Apr - counted it over at F.B. & Co' and found an excess of that amount which I handed him thro' mistaken - Thanked the man for so doing - Visited J. Rogers' at B. Squires' shop - he was lively - transacted business with J.A. French - promised him butter within 10 days tow'd a pair of shoes lately bo't there - in default whereof must pay money - Rode up to the meeting house in a wagg. - obtained a bill of goods deliv'd mother pr Swift & Son \$1.24. Benjamin Swift, M.C., was said to be at the Dr's - just arrived from Washington

SATURDAY, MAY 31 Too wet to execute much farming business - Sylvanus with the 2 h. wagg. removed the effects of C. Harwood to Capt Waters' from the Village of Algiers. Cous Stephen sent over by 2 of his boys a pair of nicely wrought cheese hoops, for which p'd him 4-3/4 lbs butter at 0/9 & 7 lbs cheese at 0/6 - Sent off to Messrs Chandler & Son and had these hoops elegantly bound with good Eng. band iron, which I bo't purposely for that use - charge 20" for doing it.

SUNDAY, JUNE 1 Some of the family went to meeting - S.W.D. to Pownal - I was too sluggish to attend very closely to business. C Harwood paid us a visit. John Vail was published to Miss M. Edgerton.

MONDAY, JUNE 2 Fences were doctored - calf butch'd by Sylvanus that weighed 72 lbs - of which Geo Robinson borrowe 17-1/4 fr qr and S. Rob. Sen 15-1/4 lbs hind qr. Sylvanus returned from uncle Sam's with Hiram Scott in his wagg. who came to shear sheep for s'd Samuel - we accepted of the offer cheerfully - so the flock was shorn of their fleeces by him & Daniels assisted by B. Harwood. Mr Peck rec'd for the firm 1 calf, 2 sheep & 2 lambs - weighed the 2 last alive & the am't was 73 & 56 lbs - the former he said went beyond anything he ever saw at this season of the year - they were of the number that I ~~fed~~ fed May 28, 29 or 30 1827 - No I mistake - it was one from the S. that was introduced here - Like Nebuchad'r - fed on grass.





TUESDAY, JUNE 3 Sylvanus as a citizen soldier went to training. AM followed usual concerns - Visited town P.M. - too wet & muddy for military display - they got together, attended to some of the most articles and disbanded as wise as they were in the morning no doubt. Boys in front of Hicks' horse shed made a shameful noise in order to run down an old woman who disposed of cake & beer - so I was t old. Saw young John Bradt of Hoosick - see May 19 - Procured Gazette at D.Clark's - saw cous N.L.Robinson receive a consid. sum of money from the hands of D.Clark. I this day hired of W.S.southworth at six per cent twenty seven dollars, for which gave my note on demand - and after paying Mr South out of \$17.00 deposited with me, \$4.54 left me responsible for the sum of \$12.45-1/2. Sat up late writing.

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 4 Walked as far as the school house of our Dist. with my children, then crossing lots by way of W. or Mer rit Green's visited the house of Elisha Poole - Mr P. not returned from visiting friends at the W. - requested information concerning my note - Mrs P. thought the pay would not be exacted for several days - she mentioned a heifer of extraordinary promise & beauty which they offered for sale - I talked of buying - could not pay down - she thought that would make but little difference - talked also of purchasing a cheese-~~z~~ tub which they wanted to dispose of - Left after half an hour's chit chat. Saw at C.Thatcher's Francis Wickwire one of our boarders in June 1827 - passed a few light jokes & proceeded for Algiers where a promise of money was had from Mr Peck - Rode up to the meeting house with cous. Nathan Robinson to whom paid in full for plaster, bo't for me in Troy thirty seven & a half cents. Near the old residence of Dr N.Swift paid to Anthony Hathaway \$19 Brattleboro money for the cow rec'd from him on the 7th May with the proviso that he would receive her calf if a heifer or, if otherwise, I must pay him \$1. Must mention some trifling concerns not enumerated above - Paid Demming for a large tin skimmer 25 cents. By the sale of my furnace at \$1.25 paid Mr D. for a tin spit box 25th Feb 58" - the balance in my favor 42" was ;aid me in cash. On returning homeward rec'd pay in full of Mrs Andrews for 2 lbs butter at 14" and some vinegar a part of which she paid in advance - in all fifty cents. Rec'd by the hand of Mr Peck on account of the firm \$20.00, Bennington money, early in the evening. Five hund. plast. was rec'd pr N.L.Robinson and sown over the horse pasture. According to the calculation of my fr'd Southworth our old debt due N. Swift, exclusive of \$20 hired 20th of last March, would amount on the 4th of Dec'r 1828 to ab't \$300.00.

THURSDAY, JUNE 5 Undertook to pay a visit to Troy - Borrowed of fr'd Southworth \$2. in money. Started late in the morn~~i~~ ing accomp'd by Miss Damia - found bad roads - made short halt at Newell's - slow travelling - baited at Snyder's - Do not remember of seeing any of my acquaintances on the way - arrived in Troy about an hour before sunset - of course paid our first respects to cous. S.Robinson and lady - there D. made headquarters. Can't be over particular in detailing my business here. Bo't of Chichester & Rose after hard pressing a pat. cheese tub of fine workmanship said to hold ten pailfuls for \$2.12-1/2". Put up at (B) Whitney's - saw there a young man named Briggs







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From Shaftsbury on a trip to N.Y. City, Philadelphia, Boston &c. Spoke of having within a year or two paid a visit to his mother in Ohio where she was living with her 2d husb. who was a man of handsome property - described the immense growth of Ind. corn he saw there - the richness of the soil - low price of produce and unhealthiness of climate in summer, & other affairs - had himself in consequence of going into the new country at that season endured the fever & ague a number of months successively. Slept at W's before the transaction of much business - visited the Steam Boat Star.

FRIDAY, JUNE 6 Was early attentive to business - traded with J.V. Bowelson to the amt of \$7.87-1/2" - J. Merritt \$4. 1 bbl fine midd'g - W. Brinkerhoff \$1.37-1/2 - S. Robinson Jr \$1.50 - Gale & Thompson 37-1/2" - Office of N. Budget - Letterbook Em. Gleason & S.W. Daniels 0.37-1/2 - O. & A. Arnold \$12.12 all paid excepting \$2. due O. & A.A. - Out of \$20. handed over to Miss Diadama, she appropriated, according to my calculation, to herself, \$13.25 - very warm - 11 A.M. left the City with young John Corning passenger - many funny remarks were bestowed on the state of the roads, appearance of our fellow travellers passing either way and a variety of objects that presented themselves in succession. 3 P.M. baited at Snyder's - saw Mr Tim Hervey, formerly of Bennington, now belonging to Troy, to which place he was on his way. Dark when arrived at Newell's where of course a momentary stop was made - Roads extremely rough & unpleas't on account of late & heavy rains, where there had been recent repairs more specially. Eleven o'clock in the eve'g bro't us home - Mr C. tarried by invitation with us - 19 y'rs old.

SATURDAY, JUNE 7 Found employment fore part of the day in the dairy concerns. Father & Sylvanus were busy about rails. P.M. had business at Algiers at the store of J. Norton Jun'r where I staid during the great shower which this day occurred. David Armstrong waited upon his sister, Mrs Dickinson, there for the purpose of trading. Among others a Woodford man was present who enjoyed himself pretty well in the relation of stories respecting himself - also there were Stod'd Merchant, & P. Smith waiting for a termination of the gr't shower. Hailstones were picked up estimated to be as robins eggs, as large - S. Loomis came in I think after the shower was over - Business led me to J. Harwood's - saw young Lyman running out a patch of land for M. Norton 2d - talked some with the latter on the manner & probable cost of fastening up eaves sp'ts to the barn - advised to buy round iron for bolts at Troy. Saw B. Sears, Hen. & Ed. Robinson as wet as drowned rats returning from a fishing excursion on the E. mountain. Sent cous. Sam's letter to his brother Nathan L. by them - Mrs Andrews got home. Streams up to an extraordinary height - nevdr knew our brooks higher.

SUNDAY, JUNE 8 Father & girls walk to church, the wagg. being out of repair. Busy necessarily a part of the day with cheese & cheese-press. The skeleton of a music book in which was written with great care & attention a number of fine pieces by me in 1810-11-12-13 lent to P.M. Armstrong of Hoosick, by whom it was lost in Jan'y 1825 - found by L. Ayres - and this day recovered almost rid of its contents, by Sally who bro't it home from Mrs Ayres' - was glad to see it.







Great Great damage was sustained on the Troy Road through Shingle Hollow and  
shower onward to the foot of the great Potter Hill - so powerful were the late  
June 1. rains, especially the shower of Saturday.

MONDAY, JUNE 9 Mending fences where the brooks had carried them  
away gave us employment good part of the A.M.- P.M.  
spent in liberating our corn from stuff which was washed onto it by the  
last gr't shower. Sold Peck & Nort. 3 sheep & 2 lambs - See Day B. of  
this date - Emerson Gleason made a call. Mrs Andrew accompanied her  
husband on a trip to Poughkeepsie, N.Y. Little James came down to tar-  
ry & go to school until her return - spent his time principally with  
Hopkins. Played over old music this eve'g.

TUESDAY, JUNE 10 Such part of the day as we spent at home was devo-  
ted to serving our corn as above described. P.M.  
attended Freeman's Meeting to choose a Delegate to the State Convention  
to see about altering the Constitution of Vt. Gen David Robinson obtain-  
ed the election by a very handsome majority. It is true there was not  
by any means a crowded house, but had it been really so the result  
would have been the same, or perhaps even a stronger vote would have  
been given. Asked Darius Clark for cash on my Merrill demand - obtain-  
ed nothing but vague & dry promises. The Hathaway cow returned from  
the pasture with a very nice calf.

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 11 Entered upon hoeing corn. Mrs Duncan p'd our ladies  
a visit. John Harwood commenced making shoes for us

THURSDAY, JUNE 12 So wet as to put a stop to business in the corn field. Late  
in the day rode to Algiers - accomp'd from the Street by W.S.  
Southworth - Delivered to Hamblin the latter 26-1/2 lbs cheese at 0/6. Ley my  
friend return home with the mare & wagg. while I visited the house of our fr'd  
Mr Bol to see if their heifer had been disposed of - found that she had been  
sold for a note of hand for \$22<sup>7</sup>/<sub>8</sub>. Considered it too high for me. Conversed on  
the deceitfulness of most kinds of farming business, including Dairying. Arrived  
here after dark by way of Smith's, Atwood Farm & Blue hill.

FRIDAY, JUNE 13 After an attempt at hoeing retired from the field on account  
of the rain and consequent clamminess of the soil. Working  
up basswood logs into pieces suitable for fuel & making & fastening on a new gal-  
lows on to the horns of the Hathaway cow constituted the main business. Friend  
Southworth attended to his studies.

SATURDAY, JUNE 14 Resumed our hoeing - Miss Wilsey rode home to her father's.  
Miss Gleason from Shaftsbury. Young L. Hendryx & Miss M. Waters  
were guests here this day. H Waters & hands returning from R. Carpenter's Fownal,  
called in the eve'g. I played the flute for their amusem't a short time.  
Was afraid our school was not doing well.

SUNDAY, JUNE 15 Affairs were conducted much as usual. Boys noisy at church.  
Mr Clark delivered a discourse on Intemperance - S.W.D. went  
to Shaftsbury to visit the sons of A. Gleason. M. Wiltsey returned from her visit.  
H. Waters, B. Sears, & H. Robinson were here late in the day. Went to L. Norton's to  
borrow Spect. papers - obtained those dated May 27, 30 & June 6 - saw Sam Loomis  
and a gentleman that I took to be Dan'l Rogers Jr. Visited the Capt. & returned  
home.





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MONDAY, JUNE 16 Concluded the business of hoeing for this time.

Late P.M. conveyed to the residence of A.Hathaway the calf which was quite small, mentioned on the 10th, according to contract, being kept. Called upon aunt S.Robinson who would go a journey to the W. to see our good aunt L.Waterman. At the P.O. saw Clark, Merrill, & U.M.Robinson - the latter & former disputed together on the price of some rakes C. had received of him. Mrs Street came to visit us.

TUESDAY, JUNE 17 Hoed potatoes - the corn harrow was used among them but afterwards were convinced that the plow would answer a much better purpose. Mr Bliss entertained us with his company, wanted to buy pork, but did not appear to be ready to pay for work performed for him Apr 29 & 30 & insisted upon it that he paid to Sylvanus the money mentioned May 26. Our friend J.Harwood compleated a job of making shoes here - Bill including thin boots made for Sylvanus at the shop by his son James amounted to \$7.00 C.Harwood dined with us and said he should go to Williamstown &c.

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 18 For weather turn back to p.57 Rode in the 1 h.wagg to mill - had H.Hopkins with me & rec'd for myself & him 2 wool hats at 9/0 & 4/0 - rec'd my father's castor ironed over - price 25 cents - left due him Mr Hamblin 21 cts which I promised to pay at a convenient season. Obtained on acc't of J.B.Norton, of the firm of Nort. & Peck - fifty cents - with which & other money settled in full for a pair of ladies shoes bo't of Squires & French, by paying \$1. Returned towards home to Chandler & Son's - had a thill hook made and fastened on - came home and assisted in dividing wool of which there was not far from 70 lbs - P.M. carried off Sally Harwood's part, as I was going to write, to the machine, but this is forcing business too fast - went to A.Norton's & had the bay mare shod - During the while staid principally at J.Norton's Jun'r's store - J.N. seemed to be repairing his house. On my passage home halted at Hicks' to avoid rain - Saw S.H.Brown purchase an elegant Time Piece made in Plymouth, C't of a pedlar from that quarter - Saw some very dandyfied fellows at H's with a newly invented contrivance for shelling corn, the patent right of which they wished to dispose of for our County - the operation was perfectly simple and consequently the construction of the machine of trifling expense. At the store of Swift & Son borrowed 8 dollars in money - Saw Sibley of the W. p't of Bennington there - Got home after dark - Sylvanus was sent to uncle S.Robinson's with a certain blanket intended as a present to our aunt Lucy when they arrived at her house - have for gotten in what part of the day S.W.D. performed s'd service - Adeline rec'd her elegant shoes at the shop of F. Childs.

THURSDAY, JUNE 19 Father started with Diadamia for Stockbridge, Mass. The money above mentioned was taken with him by way of precaution - after his departure overhauled the roof of the wagg. house - inserted rings in pigs noses - 35 lbs wool conveyed to Volentine's Factory - Algiers





this trust was executed by Sylvanus who also got a cheese press iron mended at Chandler & Son's - Likewise returned a grist provender from the mill.

FRIDAY, JUNE 20 Attended to plowing buckwheat ground. Had grievous trouble with our horse which at times refused to draw forward of the oxen - very harsh means were resorted to in order to curb him or rather to subdue him - all did not exactly succeed - however we were not conquered. Uncle C. Harwood tarried over night with us. Mother was absent through the night at Capt Waters'. Capt Park Brown and some of his family arrived at Sam H.B's.

SATURDAY, JUNE 21 Business the same. Mr Southworth as heretofore assisted at turning cheese. C. Harwood again honored us with his company.

SUNDAY, JUNE 22 Not much time for reading, suffered much from drowsiness C. Harwood & L. Bliss came down & entertained us, discoursing on a variety of subjects. Sylvanus attended public worship. Mr Clark solicited a collection for the Sunday Library - in his address he said it was expected or he intimated that four pences & cents were not wanted, but it must dollars. Our Hopkins was sick. H. Waters went to Pownal.

MONDAY, JUNE 23 Resumed the business of Saturday - the horse continued extremely testy - the ground wet & ugly to plow - the weather warmer altogether rendering the task unpleasant indeed. Harry Duncan drove off Henry Harwood's fine V.D. Spiegle minister mentioned some days since.

TUESDAY, JUNE 24 Gardening & turning cheese gave employ'm't early part of the day - P.M. plowing was again pursued. Sold Horace Dimmick 2 bbls plaster at 50 cents, partly payable in an order of 4/0 on Samuel Loomis, the remainder to be cash which he would bring me Sunday after next - very smooth & full of friendly talk.

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 25 Sylvanus was manned out with a full team which he bro't a load of hemlock boards on Dimmick's acc't from the mill of Allen Brown, Pownal. 455 ft. Mrs Waters, Lydia & Sally Harwood walked to Mr Duncan's, Staunton Hill, Pownal, for a visit. While busy in the garden Joseph Hand came to see me & informed that his brother Dan'l died on the 24th of consumption - nearly 22 yrs of age, was going to attend his funeral this P.M. Father & Diadamia ret'd from the S - enjoyed a fine visit and found our relatives & friends in comfortable health & circumstances. It was so hot that we were obliged to cover the open part of the hog pen to prevent ill consequences. Rec'd papers pr Southworth including a letter from Miss Sophia Ashley of good report.

THURSDAY, JUNE 26 Sylvanus got another l'd of boards as above - the old mare hit him hard with the edge of one of her fore feet and lamed him.

FRIDAY, JUNE 27 Continued hoeing assisted by Tho's Kent. The Russian Dec of War was first known to us at this establishment.

SATURDAY, JUNE 28 Completed our own & the hoeing of Tho's Kent in a part of the old Dr Fay garden. Late P.M. rode out with mother Adeline & Hopkins, left the former at Dr Swift's store, where she bo't good to the am't of \$1.03 - paid up borrowed money mentioned on the 8th - Visited Algiers, left the children at the house of J. Rogers, went to Volentine's Factory







& obtained 31-1/2 lbs rolls at 6" pr lb - went to J.Norton's Jr store - was promised 10 dolls shortly by J.B.Norton.

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SUNDAY, JUNE 29 Most of the family were at church - Mr C.Harwood paid us his respects. S.W.Daniels visited his Pownal friends - bro't from E.Carpenter's 50 cents in money due Diadamia from Miss Eldred on acc't of work in her line - this was paid me tow'ds butter & cheese delivered Mrs Manchester & Mrs Newton for spinning - the s'd cash was by me handed over to our friend Southworth toward borrowed money. In fact it was in full for two dol's had previous to go to Troy - last time.

MONDAY, JUNE 30 Barn partially cleared for receiving hay. A quantity of corn & oats mixed & sent to mill pr Daniels who buys at Swift & Sons a grass scythe. Repairing cheese-press & turning cheese employed me P.M. C.Harwood who was out of health left here late in the day.

MONDAY, JULY 1st Commenced sowing buckwheat - so very wet & showery P.M. as to occasion a suspension of business P.M. After dinner spent some time with our neighbor Robinson - read a few pieces in his Utica Universalist paper - Returned home accompanied by one of the boys who if we wished would work for us the remainder pf the P.M. but our business being at a stand he went home agian. Jo Hand & Mrs Manchester were guests here this P.M. Visited town on foor - perused newspaper by the way - called at McEowens' & at the Printing Office - wanted to transact business with D Ruttenbur - just as I entered the bar room & ready to pop the question to him he at that moment opened a game of chess with G.Caldwell & wanted to play it out, previously attending to my business or that of any other human being - so I walked off to the new house lately erected by Wm Haswell for his brother Anthony J.

Agreed with B.Sears to come and lay shingles besides other business one day the following week to balance my acc't for carrying him to Troy in May last - no, it was in April - Saw cousins Nathan & Henry - N.Ha swell strongly invited me to sup with him, but anxiety respecting business with R.kept me from consenting thereto - Returned to McE's - Game not half out yet - felt extremely uneasy - Col. Merrill present a part of the time - Some of the boys wanted I should sign 25" or so to enable them to get powder to burn (of) on the 4th - I declined. At last at early candle lighting Mr R. after some urging signed an order drawn by me on Hiram Waters for the sum of \$4.67" payable in joiner work - Came down the hill to the store of Swift & Son and bor-





rowed \$6. in money in order to take up my note to Corning & Co in the hands of Church & Isham - Entered their office - found the latter gent - handed him the six dollars - he reckoned interest on note which made it amount to \$5.95 of course some change was due me - he had the impudence to request something by way of fee for his trouble - I replied that I did not think I ought to allow anything as I had paid promptly before the expiration of the time & besides he would find delinquents enough out of whom he could obtain his profits - complained of being destitute of change - therefore I cheerfully marched back to the store - procured and paid over the same to his Lordship's Highness - rec'd my note & came home. Our boy Hopkins was ill. J. Hand prayed with us.

WEDNESDAY, JULY 2 Made a sort of settlement of acc't with the firm of Peck & Norton whose books were not posted - from which it appeared that they were indebted to us, say \$16. of which they had this morning ten - Agreed with J. Norton Jr for 1 bhl winter wheat - very much in earnest repairing his dwelling. Moses Wickwire was among his joiners thus employed. Saw Mr G. Godfrey in the store, likewise Mrs Merchant, of Pownal. pHo Clark, Capt Hills buying sugar &c. Had horse shod at A. Norton's for 45 cents. On the way home called at F.B. & Co's & at Swift's & Sons & paid up my last item of borrowed money - being together \$9. Mowing & harrowing were the kinds of business going on at home. S.W.D. sowed buck-wheat this year.

THURSDAY, JULY 3 Hoeing potatoes made out the greatest farming of the day B. Sears erected staging and laid a few courses shingles assisted by father & men - Southworth had some hand in it late in the day. Sylvanus took the potatoes to plow out & hoe by stint. Mother visited fr'd Sam. Scott & lady.

FRIDAY, JULY 4 Shingling the N. side of the barn roof was continued by 2 hands, Atkins & Hervey, sent up by H. Waters from Pownal where he was about to close a job of repairing old buildings for Reynolds Carpenter on his old Daniel Eldred Place. Heard distant reports of great guns this morning. None of us, excepting our ladies, attended Mr Rev'd D.A. Clark's Juvenile Celebration in Isaac Robinson's woods - don't think such celebrations are worth noticing much - too flat. Had drawn a small quantity of hay - had it secured against rain if I mistake not. Sylvanus hunted squirrels P.M. - borrowed c'd of me at (S.H.B.) F.B. & Co's to the am't of 25" to get ammunition. Emerson Gleason came down from Shaftsbury to agree on a price for one months service in haying & harvest & on his representing wages to be very high we consented to pay him \$18.00. Mr Southworth heard Mr Tucker's Celebration Address. Amanda Robinson came home along with Adeline from celebrating the Day.

SATURDAY, JULY 5 Went abroad with a quantity of cheese to see if I could get any money with it - sold to Mr Hollister 20-1/2 lbs at 0/6 and rec'd cash and a part of a rennet and that was all my good fortune for this day. Had horse shod free from expence on acc't of his losing his last shoe prematurely - at A. Norton's. Took away from Volentine's 27 lbs rolls at the rate mentioned June 28 - Mr V. agreed to take





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of me the Fall ensuing 100 lbs cheese. Made a light purchase of articles at the store of J. Norton Jun. Rec'd the bhl of wheat contracted for a few days since. Bo't of Peck & Norton 10 rennets at 20" - Car'd wheat to the Saff'd mill, uncle J. Harwood miller, being bound to the furnace - conveyed some meal for him up to his house. Saw Nath'n L. Robinson twice this day with his team. Agreed with John Harbour for the service of one of his boys (aged 13 or 14, never had seen him) through the haying campaign at such price as I should feel willing to give - to commence working on Tuesday next. Went up to the Furnace to see Breyman Ayres in order to get some money due for drawing wood - did not see him - being gone to a Methodist meeting - no market for cheese - Returned to the mill - rec'd grist - continued advancing tow'd home, saw & spoke with J. Nort. Jr respecting his wheat how it should be paid for - 70 cents coming from him to me in public money I agreed to receive in that way - would pay him the balance the first convenient opportunity. Had money changed at Dr S's store - saw there Dr F. Johnson - invited him to visit us. On arriving here found the barn roof finished - the old shingles on that part having been in wear, with patching, ever since the frame was cov'd in 1769 or 1770 (1768, so says B. Harwood). A part of the dairy house roof was made new and they wound up the day patching up the old stoop roof.

SUNDAY, AUG. 10 Continuation of remarks on the weather made under date of July 6 p. 58 May 26. July 6th fair & pretty warm - 7th good hay day w'd S.W. some cloudy - 8th showery early, continued so more or less through the day - 9th muggy, warm, showers round W., N.W. & N., not much rain in Hoosick, much more in Bennington, thundered considerably. 10th pretty good hay weather, with great signs of rain. 11th cloudy & showery, some heavy thund., quite too wet for haying or even of hoeing. 12th some flying clds, good temperate day for all kinds of business. 13th cloudy, chilly, not much rain. 14th rainy & cloudy in some degree, rained in the eve'g; 15th cloudy, lively little breeze from the S., rain expected, scarcely none fell; 16th looked much like rain, had rained in the night, wd S. 17th thundered in the morn'g, more or less showery all day - wind S. A.M., N.P.M.; 18th pleas't hay day, hazy tow'd eve'g; 19th clouds app'd dry, did not expect, P.M. thund'd, showers passed to the N. and to the S. of us - had a slight sprinkling near night. 20th cloudy, modestly rainy in the morning, rather hazy all the subsequent p't of the day, heard thunder at a distance. 21st foggy morning, good hay weather succeeded - wind N. 22d pretty hazy, thickly cldy fresh wind S.; 23d foggy morning, cleared up afterwards, wind S. Past noon clouds began to rise - thundred much, threatened us closely, but passed off without wetting us to an am't worth mentioning; 24th extremely warm - thundered early in the day - had however but little rain - threatened much until past noon. P.M. good hay weather followed.





25th thundered & raibed in the night -cldy until noon - thund. just past noon - shower passed off to the S.W. - had a good hot hazy P.M.; 26th thund'd & lightened very powerfully early in the day,rained here but neither thund'r nor rain was in any degree so severe as off N. & N. W. - thund. with signs of approaching rain lasted until past noon - P.M good weather followed. 27th flying clds,tolerably warm,pleasant. 28th flying clouds,cool wind N.W. - good hay day; 29th flying clds,very slight showers in the main a good day for haying. 30th fine day for business; 31st thundered at 1 o'clock in the morning, something of a shower followed - afternoon there were only flying clouds - came off fine - late P.M. Aug. 1st wind fresh from S. thund. P.M. much expected rain,at last,near night,had a slight shower - tolerably warm - Aug 2d sound weather,altho' not fair,cldy - cool N.Wind. 3rd good fine weather, a little cloudy - 4th very cloudy in the morning,contin'd thick all day. 5 cloudy,very fine for business,wind S. 6th dry & cldy 7th cldy tolerably warm - wind S. - lightened - in the evening.8th cldy until late A.M. - latter p't P.M. fair. 9th no small degree of heat prevailed - sky tinged with yellow - Dry - rain much wanted, 10th cldy very warm - wind S. - rain expected & much desired. 11th thund'd at the N - had a short shower early - wind fresh from S.W. - fine showers at night accomp'd by thunder & lightning. 12th a few showers of misty rain occurred A.M. - cool & pleas't P.M. 13th warm & fine - excellent for haying - 14th hazy & cldy wd S.W. - warm, lightened in the evening, rained much during the night - 15th rainy a little in the morning - a fine P.M. succeeded - fine growing season after an abundance of rain ; 16th very fine & fair, quite mild & pleas't in regard to heat.

SUNDAY, JULY 6 Much confined to writing - dreadfully in rear - as much as 30 or 40 days in rear of time. Horatio Clark viewed our dairy and pronounced it good. Mother went to meeting. Sylvanus waited upon Emerson down from Shaftsbury.

MONDAY, JULY 7 Commenced haying - E.Gleason one of our mowers. Sent for money & didnt get any. Mother visited Mrs Duncan.

TUESDAY, JULY 8 Started for Troy, Gave my note to N.Swift drawn by E.H.Swift,for \$14. in money. Rec'd a letter from Dr to Prescott of Troy & another from the hand of H.Dexter to J.V.D.S.Fassett. Had to halt several times by the way to avoid showers. Mr Richm'd the Inn keeper in Hoosick,saw by his paper that he was for Adams. In a private house beyond Pittstown Meeting house found a Jackson paper. Arrived in Troy about sunset & just escaped getting wet. Stabled my horses at Towners,formerly or say lately Stearns'. Supped & slept at cous. S.Robinson's,was fearful of causing them unprofitable trouble,meant somehow or other to make them adequate amends.

WEDNESDAY, JULY 9 Immediately went about my business. Left with young Haswell,clerk of Fassett & Selden,the Dexter letter Made some inquiry into the cost of conveying water in lead pipes, estimated it at about (62-1/2 "Ø cts pr rod \$1.25





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Bo't & p'd for 3 hay rakes at 12-1/2 cs - p'd 28 cts for 1 trace chain at Kellogg's to supply the loss of one through the means of our Hopkins who made use of it as a plaything - the old set was made by Joshua Gates I should guess in 1806. Paid J. Norton 31 cents balance due on 1 bhl wh't the other p't I rec'd of him towards public money for which I became accountable to Dis. No. 2 in addition to what I had already rec'd in the sum of 70 cents - see p. 59 - whole sum of pub. money in my hands at the time amounted to \$13.15 Of cous S. R. Jr bo't 1 pr suspenders for which p'd 1/6 Y'k. Bot of the Arnolds 1 bbl sup. f. flour, p'd \$4.81 also bbls salt (Lisbon) i sack do, 4 lbs tea at 6/3, 1 pitchfork & c making a debt of \$9.83 - took up a former note & gave another of \$11.83, 90 days - Settled with my landlord & paid him 41 cts - Started out of Troy say at 10 o'clock A.M., did not halt to bait till arrived at Richmond's where I saw young Germond & Calvin Norton of Bennington - saw a large load of rakes bound to Troy from Tyringham, Mss., sold one for 10 cts - Found the Great Potter Hill very bad, dreadfully washed during the great shower of June 7. Made a short halt at H. 4 Corners - left Germond & Norton, heavily laden at the foot of the Line Hill - Got home after dark.

THURSDAY, JULY 10 Haying was driven up powerfully, had the assistance of G. Norton on Mr Robinson's acc't P.M. Secured 5 tons hay, principally from the Litt. meadow. Mother & Mrs Dewey conferred together on important affairs.

FRIDAY, JULY 11 Made attempts at hoeing but the rains were too much for us. E. Gleason on our acc't purchased a scythe at Swifts Son's & ground it. My fair partner bo't goods at that store on cr't for our own use to the am't of \$1.03 & for Marg't Wiltsey \$6.36 & for Em Gleason \$1.76. Gave H. Waters my Ruttenbur order which stands charged to him on my book - \$4.67

SATURDAY, JULY 12 By hard hoeing compleated that business in the corn field - father was a good deal worn down. Mother visited her old fr'd Mrd Norton, the lady of Capt N. Dairy doing well.

SUNDAY, JULY 13 Father being some unwell was an absentee from Church Looking over a parcel of old letters this morning, one of my letters dated at Plattsburgh, N.Y. Oct 1812 was discovered. Attempts being made by my eldest sister to show it to a young law student, I snatched it away - he got hold of it the 2d time. I again laid violent hands thereon & committed it to the flames not being willing to expose the lack of firmness therein displayed, together with grammatical defects it might possess. However after the transaction was over past regretted having so hastily destroyed the thing without so much as perusing its contents. Sold Mrs Bl. Hill 1 pt brandy for cash which was handed over to mother to be appropriated to pious use. Em Gleason rode home to Shaftsbury. H. Waters paid his respects to us.





MONDAY, JULY 14 Smoe mowing was executed - P.M. the rye field was entered, one of our cradles being previously repaired by neighbor Robinson in whose service it had sustained some injury. Near the conclusion of the A.M. had occasion to visit the works of Mj L Norton - saw J.V.D. Speigle & B. Squires, who conversed with the Maj on the good policy of the Bennington B'k relative to the Troy B'k - they highly commended the one and disapproved of the conduct of the other. Mr S. gave an excellent character of Pitts Godfrey as a teamster - called him really honest in all kinds of employment. Our friend Luman was about to hire him. Deac. Erwin Safford came down & procured L's pleasure wagg. with which he was going to perform a journey to the N. accomp' by his lady & most of his family. Said a word or two about hiring sixty dollars in money sometime in September next, but found it could not be so. L. said he had borrowed himself \$800., if I right understood him which he must pay over ere long - thought I might be accommodated at the Bank. Borrowed papers - spoke with Sally Loomis - viewed Mrs N's snug little dairy - perhaps her cheeses might average 25 lbs a piece - double curds. Saw J. Bates Jr with a new scythe in his hands, calculating to assist his people at haying. Marched up into the pastures of the Maj. meeting his laborers coming from the field to dinner - went on and found G. House's dark red minister - drove him through Capt N's enclosure into that of B. Harwood and there left him to his fate. Friend Southworth assisted in turning cheese this morning.

TUESDAY, JULY 15 Rye & hay gave us full employment. Had grievous time amongst us binding rye mix'd with Canada Thistles in the early part of the day. Diadamia, M.A. Waters and others p'd visit to the family of Randol James, Hoosick. W.S. Southworth gave us the first news of the murder of David Leason by Ezekiel Odel in Manchester on the 10th inst.

WEDNESDAY, JULY 16 Engaged in rye harvest, N. end of the field. Mother arrived from staying all night at uncle S. Robinson's with a new book - Marsh's Ecc History containing maps and plates.

THURSDAY, JULY 17 Rye harvest compleated - Visited Algiers accomp'd by Adeline & Hopkins, who halted at J. Rogers' - Carried grist of some sort to the Saff'd Mill, found uncle Sam. in attendance - 67 in June last - A. Harwood had left the mill in consequence of its being much out of repair. On our way home called at the P.O. and got a letter from our cousin Albert Gallin'r Harwood not quite 14 years of age, the youngest of the children of my late uncle Ira H. who departed this life March 22nd 1815.

The letter was a fine production considering the youth and circumstances attending the writer - We were all highly delighted with it. He inserted a long list of the various books he had perused.

Mrs Hollister and Mrs Patt. Waters came to our house & entertained our ladies very agreeably with their company this P.M.





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FRIDAY, JULY 18 A quantity of heavy grass was cut down in the N. meadow - had to leave out hay over night. Diadamia heard fine singing & violin playing performed at S.H.Brown's by our neighbor Mr Andrews.

SATURDAY, JULY 19 Brought our business up to a pretty snug position a little previous to the usual hour of quitting work having had some assistance at raking hay by Mr Southworth. A short time at the conclusion of the day was spent in riding in a l. h. wagg. to a place not far from the 3 mile stone where we tied our beast - walked to the brook a few rods N. of the site of the old Billing's Grist Mill, now no longer standing, where there is a very pretty place for bathing - here, along with Emerson Gleason, and S.W.Daniels, went into the water, staid some time, swam & played about - T.Kent was with us, but refused to go in. On our return met L. Jewett & Peter Green going S. Our ladies received the company of Mrs U. M. Robinson and Miss Emma Hicks this P.M. Died this day Mr Willard Green Sen'r - aged about 90 years. Eccentric in his manners and behaviour all his days - formerly from Connecticut.

SUNDAY, JULY 20 Perused a long speech by Mr Huskinson on the affairs of the Canada's - spent half a day writing - S. H. Brown visited us near night - Dorrel called & bro't brandy - Boys went to Pownal. Mr Green's funeral was attended.

MONDAY, JULY 21 Continued haying in the N. mead. Tho's Kent came on to assist us at haying. The ladies rec'd for comp'y Mrs Waters, Mrs Winship, Mrs S.H.Blackmer, Misses Caroline & M.A Waters - Mrs Andrews' little girl was with Mrs Winship - Attended to turning cheese near night. Mr Ayers visited the E. part of the town on some kind of business in his way, not returning in season, Mrs A. became alarmed for his safety. Our boys in the evening undertook to look him up - they met him somewhere on Mr Green's farm considerably exhausted - accomp'd by them he made safe return.

TUESDAY, JULY 22 Completed mowing the N. meadow - some was performed in the S. T.Kent was on the carpet - a little time was spent, besides taking care of hay, hoeing garden - Cheese's examined, many of them doing rather poorly. Mother performed several errands in town - got harness mended at Hicks' - some of which belonged to N. L. Robinson - she also bo't on cr. 24 lbs maple sugar at 9" and 6 do W.Ind. at 11"

WEDNESDAY, JULY 23 Hay all got in that grew in the N. meadow - the yield was quite abundant - say 12 or 14 tods tp perhaps 7 acres - other hay N. pt of the S. meadow near the lane was likewise drawn in - business webt well





Our respected young friend, formerly a boarder in the family, Lyman Sherwood, an att'y in Wayne Co., N.Y. came with S.Scott and paid us a fine short visit - Dined at father's - discoursed on various topics - Have to set down our New York friend for a Jackson man - The new residence he had chosen was located in the town of Newark in the aforesaid Co. Lydia, Damia & Sally paid a visit to Mrs S. H. Brown. The boys in the eve'g rode to Mr House's and return'd with G's minister.

THURSDAY, JULY 24 Our barley in two small patches near the house growing very rank, never arrived to much perfection - had it mown a day or two previous to this - and the mowing for fear of rain was drawn in. Em. Gleason & Daniels mowed clover. T.Kent contin'd in our service. Lydia & Diadamia visit'd at uncle S.Rob's. Friend Southworth assisted at haying on the 23d and the 19th enough in my estimation to entitle him to the credit of half a days work, late this day he mowed a long swath in the S. meadow. Sold to H.L.Robinson for his brother Heman, an acc't of debt due for transportation of plaster - 3 gall's reduced & 1 do unreduced brandy. Hold - this last transaction should have been written under the date of July 25 - also Mr S's swath on looking at my minutes should have been inserted under the same date.

FRIDAY, JULY 25 Haying in all branches excepting loading & carting in was industriously pursued. Turned cheese at noon Horatio Clark came up to glance at the dairy - drank a glass of cider in good humour and put the old wooden clock in better tune than it was wont to be. T.Kent continued in our service.

SATURDAY, JULY 26 Not far from 6 tons clover hay was this day drawn together & put in stack near the center of that part of the S.meadow on which it grew. By close application we accomplished much this day - Southworth lent some assistance near eve'g. T. Kent yet on the ground. Margaret Harwood & Miss P.Phillips came over from Petersburg, N.Y. for a visit and to bring a quantity of linen manufactured by them for a young lady of this neighborhood. Lawson Gleason came to see his brother, tarried over night.

SUNDAY, JULY 27 Early in the morning took a cold bath with the boys in the usual place mentioned on the 19th - Rather too powerful for pleasure - Most of our family went to Church - Mrs H. did not attend, but after the day was far advanced, which was pretty snugly improved by me in read'g newspapers & writing the usual task, walked with me & Sylvanus into the upper orchard. Em., Eben. & L.Gleason hired a 2 h. pleasure wagg. of H.H.Fassett visited their friends in Williamstown, Ms & returned with their sister Ad. Eliza who tarried here over night - E. & L. went home - Em. hired our bay horse on s'd occasion - J.E. went to Williamstown with him. Adeline was ill - Dr Swift being sent for came down in the eve'g & gave her a puke - she afterwards was a good deal better.





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MONDAY, JULY 28 Ten bbls oats & buckwh't being mixed was carr'd to Safford's Mill - On returning thence took up a young lady named Sibley aged 22 who rode with me as far as D.Rob's - Walked to the Post Office - paid 6" in addition to the postage of A.G.Harwood's letter rec'd a few days since - the P.M. having made a mistake in the name of the place at which it was mailed - being Attica instead of Utica. Before quitting the Street went to Fisk's & heard Millington play the violin. Came down the hill to Dr Swift's store - borrowed 9 dollars Bennington money of the Dr for 20 days - Reached home past 10 A.M. paid Diademia ten dollars which she wanted to pay for her Petersburg linen - Pursued the usual routine of business. Saw C.Harwood coming down the lane from our house - M.A.Waters came down to visit our ladies Lawson Gleason tarried with us over night.

TUESDAY, JULY 29 Mild, flying clds, very fine hay day excepting a very slight shower of rain. Well improved in getting hay in the N.E. corner of the S. meadow. Mr Hand & his son Benj. made a halt here late on the day - the former took supper with us - enquired of me the date of His Son Joseph's coming to live with J.Rogers as an apprentice, examined my book & reported to him it was on the 29th June 1820 - After his departure discovered a mistake - wrote him next morn'g in was on the 29th May instead of June - same year. Miss Lydia & Damia with our Petersburg friends visited at uncle Sam's. Sally paid her respects to Mrs Andrews. Mother rode out to Mr Babbitts'.

WEDNESDAY, JULY 30 Fine day for business. Pursued haying near the buck wheat ground s. of the brook in the S. meadow, got up say 6 tons hay into one stack, not all this day - but topped out. Mother had mare shod at A.Norton's. Diademia went to F.Blackmer's to perform a job at needly work. Cous Margar't & Miss Phillips went home to Petersburg - Thos Kent worked for us this day - Southworth went off to Algiers.

THURSDAY, JULY 31 Mowing was the chief business  $\frac{1}{2}$  interrupted only by carting in 1 small l'd of hay. T.Keft did not work a full day in our service - drew up wood for his mother's use. I assisted at turning cheese - went to Mrs Dewey's - wid. Eldad's with a bbl of cider for our friend Ho. Clark, paying his acc't in full \$1.25 for mending small brass kettle & fixing clock. Left grist of rye at Safford's mill. On my return viewed Dr Swift's old Fassett, alias Capt Dewey, dwelling newly vamped over - saw much improvement therein - Got 1 No. of the Burlington Free Press - Warm for Adams - Mother visited at Capt E.Waters' with her neice Mrs W.





FRIDAY, AUGUST 1 Got up a fine quantity of hay - commenced another big stack in the N. orchard - the hay was produced in the E. part of the S. meadow. Mr Southworth assisted 2/3ds of the day. The upper brook was hoed out where it enters the Fay meadow, or rather it was cleared out from the fence a few rods up-stream. Mr Peck rec'd 8 lambs, among which was included a large poor winter lamb that lost his dam - on acc't Peck & Nort., the last at such price as he should think right & just to allow after being butchered.

SATURDAY, AUGUST 2 Rye all carted in, computed at 1514 sheaves. Emerson was kept at mowing, two loads hay were taken up late in the day, cart got stuck, but by throwing off a part of the load it was soon extricated - hay disposed of, & all hands, except'g father went a-swimming by candle light beyond Jewett's. Friend Parsons with his lady, young Orville, Jane & little Seth came over from Hoosick to pay us a visit. Mrs S. Dewey made a short call on mother. Young Heman Robinson brought up a letter from our cousins at Sempronius, N.Y. to aunt Sarah R. giving information that uncle Asa Harwood, after enduring great misery, from the consumption, departed this life on the 2d ult full in the Christian Faith, having been a Professor ever since he was 15 years of age - Had he lived until October 30th would have arrived at sixty years of age.

Death of  
Asa Har-  
wood.

SUNDAY, AUGUST 3 Usual concerns employed me. Mr P. having visited his old friend capt J. Norton & others of the neighborh'd departed for home late P.M. Left me some music sent over by cousin Henry. Rec'd a visit from S.H. Brown & lady this even'g. H. Waters always shewed himself here likewise. Daniels went to Pow'l.

MONDAY, AUGUST 4 A fine days labor was executed at mowing and raking hay - Tho's Kent was an assistant.

TUESDAY, AUGUST 5 Collected all our hay, no more mowing to be executed  
Quantity of hay 1828. Cut this season 50 tons on, say 37 acres land - Built 3 stacks one of which standing near the S.W. corner of the S. meadow was rather of diminutive size, might compute the quantity in all 3 at 14 ton

TUESDAY, AUGUST 6 Two acres very stout oats were cradled, except some patches that were reaped - past noon when finished. P.M. the boys went off in the 2 h. wagg. to take a swim - returned to E. Fay's & waited there until joined by me & my lady after having attended to the dairy - rode up Pownal mountain - left my dear at Mr Duncan's - conveyed our boys to Reynolds' Carpenter's at the old Squire Eldred place - left them there to work at haying a few days - Looked at the buikdings





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Left & returned to Mr Duncan's, took in the dear woman, talked a mom't with Mrs Duncan - got home after dark - saw great quantity of hay & oats to cut in Pownal & the S. part of Bennington.

THURSDAY, AUGUST 7 Raking & binding oats made up the business.  
Attended to music in the evening.

FRIDAY, AUGUST 8 Finished raking & binding oats by about noon - assisted some by Tho's Kent who carried sheaves some for us. P.M. we worked for Mr G.Robinson at raking hay awhile to pay for G.Norton's service here early in the season of haying.

SATURDAY, AUGUST 9 471 thin,feet,bass wood boards were delivered H. Waters at the residence of E.Waters - Dairy & other concerns were attended to by me. P.M. with father,Adeline & Hopkins paid a pleasant visit to the family of Mr L.Sherwood, Hoosick, N.Y. Capt S. had not quite finished haying - made an effort to close the business this day,but could not fully accomplish it,we lent some little assistance in raking hay. Friend Lyman S. went to the school house and called away 2 of his sisters & youngest brother to come home & enjoy the company of A. & H. L.& his lady appeared rationally fond of their little infant son,named Lyman Hinsdill Sherwood - Mrs S. rec'd a visit from her half brother & sister Jonas Galusha & Mary Hinsdill, children of the late Norman H. Played the flute some part of the time - Mr Plummer, a person of whom Mr Sherwood's oxen were sorely afraid,was one of my hearers - seemed rather odd. Looked at the dairy which app'd in fine order,milked 20 cows,including heifers. Came away in good season.

SUNDAY, AUGUST 10 Busy with papers,pen & ink. Mr Lord was said to be the preacher of the day - much disliked too. Emerson & Sylvanus visited us from Pownal. H.Waters paid his respects here.

MONDAY, AUGUST 11 Drew in all our oats, 898 sheaves. Mother made a P M.visit at the house of Mr Winship - see p. 63

TUESDAY, AUGUST 12 Rode in the 1 h.wagg.to the S.part of the School District accomp'd by my daughter as far as far as the school house in order to take away her books - proceeded to Mr Jewett's - Looked over acc'ts for Peter Green & Eunice Jewett,as they were about to settle,left them satisfied as to the amount - walked over to the Scott farm - saw & consulted with Friend Levi on the propriety of putting a stop tomour school which had dwindled away to almost a skeleton - We parted fully agreed that Miss Allen must be dismissed - Friend L. had in his meadow a number of hands stoutly engaged at mowing. On my return called on Miss A. & informed her of the above determination - she appeared in some measure rather disconcerted,but handsomely acquiesced - Called at Winship's for mother - arrived here before noon - P.M drew rails to fencks etc - Paid Em Gleason tow'd hire \$1. Rec'd \$1.50 for pork - part in advance - of C. Harwood





WEDNESDAY, AUG. 13 Mowed thistles - Canadians, along with my father.  
P.M. we worked for neighbor Robinson, raking hay in the Fay Mead. Had about finished off his mowing throughout.

THURSDAY, AUG. 14 Mowing thistles was continued - turning cheese was attended to. Mrs Randall borrowed h. & wagg. to ride to the E. part of the T. Discoursed with our friend Southworth on old Democratic & Federal politics - must pronounce him a real orthodox Federalist of the old school - however not so bad as those of 1798 or of 1814 - we will not confound the man with his politics - the former we hold in high esteem. Lent horse & wagg. to Mrs Randall.

FRIDAY, AUGUST 15 Laying up old rails which had been the materials of a fence that was blown down in May last - removing others to repair fence in other places & the mowing of C. Thistles constituted the main business. Heard the report of Artillery in a N.W. direction.

SATURDAY, AUG. 16 Accomp'd by my father & fri'd Southworth started in the early part of the day for Bennington Battle Ground - made a halt at the house of Sam'l Robinson Sen expecting him to join us - he was with his brother Safford getting in hay - waited a good while for his appearance - felt anxious - at length the man came, but expressed much uncertainty as to the course he would take - we urged him to go with us, but finding him fully determined not to be of our party & rather inclined to go to Drapers' in Shaftsbury where a regular Celebration was appointed, we proceeded on our way, met Mr Goodale below John Henry's on his way from Whitehall - exchanged compliments & drove on - met Dr L. Sherwood this side the First Ford, enquired his health which he said was very bad, told us who could best inform us of the situation of the ground - arrived at Mr Barnet's about 1 P.M. - The lady of the house rec'd us very cordially, called herself 73 yr's of age - her husband & family had resided here, at the foot of Hessian Hill, more than 30 years - many of the Hessian soldiers were buried here close by where the house stands - bones had been dug up frequently - a full skeleton had been disinterred by a distant physician in good preservation, only 4 years since. Her son at length, Southworth having crossed the river on a foot bridge to inform him, having finished off haying came in - sat a moment & then told us that if we were ready he would undertake to point out the ground on which stood the Hessian Breastwork's - we signified our readiness, and Mr S. taking the 2d V. of Gordon's America in his hand after walking 3/4's of a mile, stopping occasionally to take observation of the situation of the neighboring hills & dales especially the noted eminence on which the Tories were posted, found ourselves on the summit of what is termed "Hessian Hill" where Mr B. said it was said the works of the Enemy were erected, but no trace of them now remained. The acc't of the first battle was read by our friend, but that affords no light at all on the shape & situation of the ground - it served to confute some erroneous statements made by our guide who gathered them from common report. On inspecting this celebrated spot it will be seen & felt how wretchedly defective his story is with regard to the events of that ever-memorable day. Our officers knew much better how to fight than to describe a Battle after it was fought and won. I shall attempt no further comm't





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Within the supposed limits of the old breasy-works, trees of a recent growth standing round tolerably numerous, is situated an oaken stump the tree of which it is presumed flourished there fifty one years since. From this spot we slowly retired, talking busily of the affairs & men of that as well as the present day - learned that Mr B. was an Adams man - his father was absent at work for some of his neighbors - owned a farm of 300 acres including the Hill aforesaid - made it their chief business to keep sheep of which they possessed at that time about 550 h'd. After returning to the house - viewing an artificial Globe, books, N.Y. Spect. &c made the man a present of 25" - were under motion again - took the road leading down the river - Met Rev. D.A. Clark, children, J.E. Robinson & others from Bennington - led this we presumed by the same spirit of curiosity what had actuated us in our researches. At the lower Battle Gr'd we had not time to alight, but contented ourselves with halting long enough to survey the Ridge of Rocks where it was said the ~~sharp-shooters~~ sharpest part of the contest took place.

Drove onward - passed a public house - in the neighborhood, at which a number of people were assembled as we presumed on account of the day. Took the road by Hoosack Falls meeting house, 4 Corners & Mapleton and got home soon after dark. Saw many good fields of corn, and much grass yet to mow.

SUNDAY, AUGUST 17 S.W'd prevailed, blew up rain at night. Most of the family were at the Sanctuary - Dragged hard at writing - got time to pay a short visit to our old friend & neighbor capt. Norton which proved to be the last - We talked of the shortness of time of the reputation of gen E. Allen of Green Mountain Boy memory, for courage which had been disputed, but which our friend could not give up - Something was said of B.B. ground - particulars of the day were alluded to - said he had the pleasure of visiting it many years since in the company of gen. Sam. Safford, col. Joseph Safford, capt Jacob Safford, Lieut W. Henry & others who could very accurately describe the parts they severally acted, the situation of the enemy &c. Capt N. said it was really very entertaining to hear their relation of the deeds of that important day - The capt. informed me that if he should live until the 29th Nov. next he should be 70 years of age. At the period of the battle he was not an inhabitant of this town - commenced his residence here, if I mistake not, in the year 1784. At Major L's saw S. Loomis - Mrs N. had very sore eyes - were getting better - borrowed papers - came home reading of Gen. Jackson's conduct at the Capitol in March 1819 - showing the man's character in full. After getting home saw and conversed with cous. S. Robinson Jun - Troy - doing well.

MONDAY, AUGUST 18 Cloudy - had some rain in the P.M. rather cool - wind N.W. Early part of the day was devoted to regu-





lating swine & sheep. The threshing of rye was commenced. Father & mother, after the l. h. wagg. was tinkered over, started off past 1 P.M. for Williamstown - Went up street - met E. Waters who asked how I felt respecting the candidates for Representative to the Assembly? Replied that I much esteemed both of them - was sorry that Dr S. had suffered himself to be set up because I felt a difficulty in going against him - But as I had supported Mr Hall last year and not knowing any weighty fault committed by him in the Legislature, considered myself bound to for for him this year. Capt W. had so much regd for them that he hardly knew which of the two he would support &c.

At Swift & Son's asked to be waited awhile for the last \$9. borrowed there - granted - see July 28th.

On my way home it rained, called at Mr Andrews' - Mrs A. shewed me her husband's portrait in miniature - or perhaps this does not quite express my meaning - it was less than real life - saw several other pictures and prints.

Came home and enjoyed a fine visit from our friends, J. Goodale, daughter Mary, E. Montague & lady, Geo. Goodale & Polly Cushman.

Mr Southworth brought home a kind of plan of Bennington Battle gr'd - also had the affidavits of Capt. Jac. Safford, & Mr Jesse Field respecting what they performed and knew of that eventful day. Procured copies of these from Capt. Hall.

TUESDAY, AUGUST 19 Fair with only a few flying cl'ds - quite cool.

An old 1/4 blood merino buck was fettered and confined in a small enclosure near the house accompanied by an old blind ewe - Good luck to the venerable pair - 100 sheaves rye having been threshed, the grain was cleaned and measured amounting to 5-1/8 bbls. Topped stack of hay with rye straw. Sylvanus assisted T. Kent in fixing on boards at the Wimship barn where the latter had deposited hay. Edwin Robinson came up to procure roots for his sister Polly whose health had been very delicate for many weeks - supposed now to be getting better. If I mistake not friend Winship cleared for Troy, N.Y. on the 13th - Not however in a dishonorable way. S. Loomis went for him with his team.

WEDNESDAY, AUG. 20 Cool, hazy & cloudy - 100 sheaves rye threshed -

Another stack topped off by S.W. I managed to boil a mess of rye & oats, turn cheeses, build scaffolding on which boards were spread to season, go to Safford's mill in S.H. Browns' wagg - talked with Sam'l S. respecting Bennington Battle - but he was so young, 16 that he could give but an imperfect account of what he saw & did - Visit the P.O. - look at books - afterwards hear R. Millington play the violin. Stebbins D. Walbridge I saw while at the P.O. who was strenuous in the belief that nothing could be made by dairying when cheese would not fetch in market 8" pr lb. Bro't from Patchins' to F.B. & Co' store an empty cask for Lyman Robinson - Bo't 4" worth spirits turpentine - Left at Swift & Son's 75 cents for the agent of the Missionary Herald - E. Safford. Mr Manchester rode home with me. The funeral of Hiram Day's wife was this day solemnized - was from Northampton, Ms.





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THURSDAY, AUG. 21 Fine, very warm, more especially P.M. Threshing 100 sheaves rye - dairy & other concerns occupied my attention. Sylvanus went off to work for E. Montague. Father & mother arrived late in the day from visiting Smedleys in Williamstown - the former had seen some of the greatest dairies in those parts - considered ours as superior in appearance to any of them - I mean only such as he saw. The death of old Mr Greenslet was announced - said to be about 79. Cousins P. & Emily Robinson came here on a visit - Edwin waited them - made a short visit himself.

FRIDAY, AUG. 22 Dry - cloudy in a slight degree - heat very great. Father mowed willows - I drew for uncle Ayres a long log of basswood from the woods of gen. Robinson - had some trouble in getting through S.H. Brown's potato patch near his S. barn on account of a swamp of weeds - P.M. received a visit from neighbor Fenton and his brother-in-law Allen from Dorset - the latter was calculating to wait upon his sister, the late Teacher of our school, home - requested pay for his services - I had to ask some indulgence on this affair having made use of the public money left in my care - agreed to do the best I could. Being through with turning cheese resolved to try my credit with wid. B. Billing - called at the kitchen door of capt. Norton for Southworth who had started ahead - the good capt. said he had left his house only a few moments before - presumed I should find him at Mr Fay's - This was the last time I ever spoke with him - Marched on and joined him at F's - As we walked along S. informed me that he enquired of uncle Elijah respecting Benn. Battle, but the old gent. was so much in his cups as to be unable to give much light on the subject - This man and his 4 brothers were in that affair - John, the eldest, was killed in the last action. We soon arrived at Mrs B's - viewed the improvements made & carrying on in doors & out - all very well - they were painting floors &c. Sat down in the N. front room to discourse with the old lady - now upwards of 83 - and found in her more music & springfulness than is often seen in widows of 50 - could crack a good joke - relate a war (Revolutionary) or tavern anecdote of ancient date with all the animation of a stage actress - indeed although I failed of the main object, yet did I consider myself rewarded for going to visit this curious personage. She remains to us among the few surviving matrons who lived in times that tried men's & women's souls too.

Went to friend Gid's - talked there a few moments - G. accomp'd us up to Jewett's - Went to Fenton's & paid Miss Allen \$5. towards school bill, leaving due of the public money \$8.15 - the whole of her demand amounted to \$14.75 - \$1.60 to be collected of the District.

Sylvanus arrives from Montagues.





SATURDAY, AUG. 23 Very powerfully warm - some cldy - w'd S. Wife, children & Sylvanus off whortleberrying on or near the Spruce Ridge - Father not in good health - removed a quantity of straw - winnowed & measured up 10 bhls rye - making a yield of 15-1/4 bhls from about 300 sheaves - Late in the P.M. went to the P. Office - saw Darius, Solomon, Col. Merrill, J. Hubbell, M. Kellogg, T. Hills &c. Read a page or two in Franklin's Letters on Religious affairs principally - Returned home early in the evening - The cows by accident ran in the woods this day. Marg't Wiltsey wanted to ride home - but was prevented by the horses being out too late berrying.

SUNDAY, AUGUST 24 The heat increased beyond what it was on the 23d. We were very early this morning informed of the sudden departure of our excellent friend & neighbor capt. John Norton to the World of Spirits. He died, as was supposed, in a fit of apoplexy, not however without some little notice of his illness - He was taken about an hour previous to his exit, with a violent cough - which threw him into a kind of convulsion - Dr Swift was sent for - meantime he became more easy, but ere the doctor arrived he was no more.

So instantaneous & unexpected was the event that although Maj't L. Norton, his eldest son, was sent for with the utmost dispatch - the distance being but short - yet he only got there in time to witness the final extinguishment of the lamp of life. On Saturday the deceased was observed to be unusually lively - seemed to enjoy a high flow of spirits, apparently in as good health as he had been for many months before - which made his family & friends very ill prepared for the melancholy catastrophe. Thus has community suffered the loss of a most amiable man, beloved and respected by all who ever were so fortunate as to become acquainted with him - had resided in this town a few months over ~~43~~ 43 years - commenced his pottery on the spot where he lived and died Raised a family of 9 children of unblemished reputation - 4 sons & 5 daughters - all married excepting 2 and with the exception of Mrs Hill, all inhabitants of Bennington - Mrs H. at no greater distance than at Arlington church. Prosperity had uniformly attended this family with but few exceptions and those only of a pecuniary kind.

Our departed friend himself never endured the frowns of fortune since coming to this town in any degree at all compared with what usually falls to the lot of many of our unhappy race - On the contrary he seemed to pass gaily and cheerfully along the stream of life without caring to make more than a decent and respectable appearance, or feeling ambitious to acquire much wealth in order to dash out and make a grand display of the fripperies of this world.

In common conversation he was a most agreeable, lively and instructive companion, always seasoning his discourse with some smart little anecdote or aptly introducing an unoffending pun or in some such way giving entertainment to persons of all descriptions & of whatever age with whom he associated. He never appeared to manifest any partialities on account of station in life - with him the poor and the rich were on even ground - merit constituted the only distinction he recognized in society. These are some of the principal traits in this good man's character.

With regard to property his circumstances were entirely unembarrassed & independent.







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For the age of Capt. N. turn to page Aug 17. He served a few campaigns in the Revolutionary Army, beginning with the eventful period of 1776 and ending with 1780 or '81 - was at Long Island, Harlaem Heights, White-plains &c - saw Andre executed in the neighborhood of W.P's.

The scenes of his Revolutionary exploits I never heard him mention in regular order - if I had, and could so recollect them well enough, it would afford me real satisfaction to record the same in this humble repository of trifles. It is a singular fact that a man should live to the age at which Capt. N. arrived without being called, after seeing several of his children settled in life with a numerous offspring during a period of from 13 to 19 years, to mourn the loss of a single grand-child - his was the first death that occurred in his family during a course of 44 years - As to Religion it will be sufficient to say that he was not a Professor of Christianity, yet no one could find fault with his general course of life - was always of a friendly, manly frank and noble disposition - his mind was too enlarged to permit him to stoop to the commission of an act of meanness in any circumstances whatever - fair and perfectly honorable in all his dealings amongst men In short he was a good man in every sense of the word except that being a "Christian". I was one of those who assisted in laying out the corpse - my services however were hardly worth mentioning - Mr E. Fay Jr was most active - those besides him were Mr Loomis Sen'r, S. Loomis, Dr N. Swift, Mr Fenton I believe, and near the end of the melancholy performance, Lieu't Safford & Capt. O. Abell.

This day was passed afterwards in much the usual way with books & papers. In the evening offered to watch the corpse in conjunction with Mr S. Loomis, but S.H. Brown & G. House relieved us from the task. Staid awhile conversing with neighbors Loomis & House and returned home.

Some sort of description of the person of our departed friend must close these rude remarks. He was about 5 feet 10 inches in height - every way well proportioned - serene cheerful countenance with a full expressive eye. I might if my abilities were equal to the task draw out this article to a very considerable length, but must content myself with the feeble attempt exhibited above. One thing however is very necessary to mention - that for a number of the last years of his life he became very corpulent - walking any considerable distance, say 40 Or 50 rods, became extremely irksome to him - suffered much from the asthma - weighed a few days previous to his decease, 256 lbs.

MONDAY, AUGUST 25 Most unusually warm - hardly ever known to be more so - Few clouds were seen. Business of no particular importance - ditching employed us at the lower end of the upper brook near the Brown line. At 12 o'clock walked with Mr Southworth to the house of mourning where a prayer was offered up by Mr D. A. Clark. Mr A. Bingham was also present - likewise all the children & most, if not all the grand children. The concourse of people attend'g was very great - marched in procession with my good friend H. Dimmick - the corpse was carried by hand from near Brooks'





to the meeting house where it was deposited as usual. A Sermon was ~~pre~~ preached by D.A. Clark from Romans 13th C. verse 12th. The discourse was a pretty powerful one, but not calculated to suit everyone - made some rather harsh remarks on the Religious principles of the deceased, &c. When the exercises were closed the corpse was conveyed across the old Burying-ground to the new, lately purchased of F. Blackmer, by the Town, and with all due respect laid in the first grave opened there - on the left of the entrance. Visited the P. Office - saw the account of Capt. N's death which was incorrect - on my suggestion it was corrected. Saw O. C. Merrill, H. H. Fassett and Saff'd Robinson - Solomon C. was also present.

TUESDAY, (WED) AUG. 26 Warm to a high degree - but little air in motion -  
The dairy was attended to - 8 l'ds old ditch manure was carted onto the field W. of the barn, upper side. Papers were bro't me by my daughter Adeline.

WED'Y (THURSDAY, AUG 27 Fair and growing more cool - w'd N. 12 loads manure we added to what was drawn out yesterday.  
Sat up late at night.

THURSDAY, AUG. 28 Clear with the exception of some smoke - S.W.D. entered upon plowing out-stable oat stubble for sowing rye. Father & myself picked off corn in the garden - cut up the stalks by the ground. The weather was very warm. About noon Col J.E. Robinson & Son called upon us - excused his errand or his visit by saying that he came to buy cheese & eggs - but in reality it was for another purpose - to electioneer for Dr S. After delivering a long discourse against the Administration of the U. S. Gov't, and in favor of gen'l Jackson, and giving his opinion against H. Hall and talking warmly for Dr S. - retired as light as he came. P.M. mended gate posts - visited Algiers - Rec'd on acc't of J.B. Norton \$10.00 in money to be credited to the firm of Peck & Norton - Bo't 13" worth of goods on acc't with J. Nort - saw the man himself - as also Ho. Clark. At B. Squires' saddlers shop played the flute for Miranda Martin who had lately purchased a new one - plain without ivory bands. Got home by a little after dark - evening a warm debate took place between Mr S., myself and our good mother, respecting the pending election of representative for the town of Bennington,

FRIDAY, AUG. 29 The heat contin'd extremely great. Sylvanus followed the plow, father mowed weeds, I assisted in the dairy, repaired rail fences ab't the little meadow, boiled rye, bound up cornstalks.

SATURDAY, AUG. 30 Warm indeed, indeed, particularly P.M. Two acres of gr'd oat stubble was sown with rye - the seed was sown by S.W.D. who assisted by my father harrowed it over. Rode to Hoo sick with my wife & son to visit Mr Parsons, wife & family - All doing well - spent much time with cousin Henry - played the flute at Esq'r Seth's in his new brick house which was now about compleated in fine style - conversed awhile with friend H. Parsons who had sore knee - visited L. Sherwood Jr whom I found stretched on the bed quite indis-





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posed - talked sometime with him - bo't a bottle of cephalia snuff, on credit, price 25" - supped at cous. Cornelius Stone's - understood that their son, Seneca, lived in Shaftsbury - tended Burgess's grist mill - Took leave late and returned home late in the evening.

SUNDAY, AUGUST 31 Continued to grow more warm, almost insupportable. Was considerably ill with a kind of cholic - Family mostly at church. Sylvanus & Adeline rode to Hoosick to see & be seen.

MONDAY, SEPT'R 1 The heat held on without much abatem't until the rising of a shower of rain - thundered late P.M. & in the eve'g. A quantity of rowed was mown - but it was ill timed for it had to take a hard soaking. Mr A. Gleason and his son Emerson paid us a visit, to the latter paid in money tow'd labor in haying \$10.00 leaving due \$1.76 - Looked over an account against Mr G. which amount'd to \$3.17" - agreed to take for it in consideration of minor affairs, \$3.00 which they said should be attended to. P.M. Sylvanus rolled the piece of ground sown with rye on the 30th ult. T. Kent this morning was sent to the Pocket Furnace with 91 lbs old cast iron, for which we were credited as many cents.

TUESDAY, SEPT'R 2d Some rainy very early in the morning and awhile during the A.M. - rained steadily during the eve'g. We cleared the waggon shed of manure. P.M. attended Freeman's Meeting - warm Election - Dr N. Swift & Capt H. Hall - candidates for Representative to the Assembly, both good men and for Adams, but the former obtained it by a majority of 56 as I was informed - see Aug 18 & 28 - Got S.H. Brown to draw & endorse a note of \$100 for me to the Bennington Bank payable payable at 90 days, but it could not be discounted this day. At the new B'k house now building by H. Waters and E. Montague saw Mr J. Goodell, employed there as a journeyman - borrowed of Norman Blackmer 1/4 of dollar. Lawson Gleason accomp'd me home in order to tarry over night to start with S.W. for Williamstown Commencem't, or the Comm't at Williams College.

WEDNESDAY, SEPT. 3 Rainy by turns from the E. all day, set in very steadily late P.M. & at night. The boys wrre soon off to Comm't. Father & myself threshed rye - attended to cheese. Martha Waters was here on a visit.

THURSDAY, SEPT. 4 Continued rainy but not more than usual until late P.M. and then it began to pour down for good - Still no one apprehended the consequences that followed. The employm't of the day was threshing more rye - cleaning what was on the floor - 6 bhls from 122 sheaves, boiled 3 do for swine - eating mush-melon after dinner - going into the woods P.M. to select timber for repairing wagg. shed. Visited the S.W. corner of the farm next to what is termed "the Street/ Lot" - Sylvanus had horses shod by H. Norton - \$1.04





FRIDAY, SEPT. 5 A most tremendous rain ceased falling about 4 this morning, raising nearly as large a deluge as occurred in 1814. Bridges, mills, factories, mill dams, fences &c &c sustained more or less damage in various parts of the country - the papers of the day contain statements of these things to which I must refer. Visited Walbridge's mill with a grist of rye - rode down to Hinsdill's where the buildings & machinery of the Deacon had suffered considerably - water falling fast - marked on the doors of the basement story the height of the water with red chalk which was about mid way - I allude to the factory building occupying the left bank of Paran Creek - Saw my friend Julius Safford - passed usual compliments - Came up by the Haynes road - when I went down in the morning took the Hender son road on account of the river being so high as to flow the road S. o of Ira Haynes' in such manner as to be thought unsafe passing. Must not forget mentioning that as I drove up to the mill, saw our friend Stephen Rice of 1812 memory - belonged to capt. Cross's company of drafted Militia, Col S. Martindale's regiment - Dined at S. Robinson's Sen'rs. Bro't my aunt Sarah up to the Meeting House to attend Friday meeting - At home assisted in repairing old post & rail fence on the W. line of S.H. Brown. Mr Brown was out with his ditchers cutting a ditch for the Upper Brook of our S. meadow - ran it 2 or 3 rods this side the line - His meadow was now pretty faithfully ditched out - many bunches of willows cut &c. Saw in the course of the day Dr N. Swift who said they could discount none until next week.

SATURDAY, SEPT. 6 Cool & pleas't, got home a quantity of poplar and butternut timber for reaping wagg. shed. Rec'd comp'y from Hoosick. Henry Parsons with his sisters Annis & Ellen - Played the flute with the former in the eve'g - Must notice getting in our rouen, in tolerable order too in spite of the great rains.

SUNDAY, SEPT. 7 Fair & cool, wind N. Read Browne & some passages of the Bible - Several members of this family went to Church - Hoosick folks returned to the Fall's after paying us a pleas't little visit. H. Waters shewed himself here late in the day.

MONDAY, SEPT. 8 Cl'dy, wind S. P.M. changed to N. We went to view the Ind. corn to see if it would do to cut up - found it ripe enough but concluded not to attack it because the weather wore so unfavorable an appearance - assisted by T. Kent dug potatoes in the S. meadow - Father, mother & Adeline by way of Walbridge's mill visited at cous. Perez Harwoods - found all in usual health.

TUESDAY, SEPT. 9 Cool & cloudy, rained slightly, fair at n't. Prepared wagg. for Troy - visited L. Norton's - borrowed 2 N.Y. papers - the maj'r gone on a tour to Whitehall - from N's proceeded up the road reading news by the way - Met an Irish lady nearly opposite Winship's travelling on foot with her babe in her arms, dressed in mourning habits - had been to Saratoga to visit a daughter - was so far returned on her





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way to Northampton or somewhere in that quarter came to J. Hicks' in the stage where it would halt several hours and she feeling unwilling to tarry choose to go forward in this way - shewed me a written direction where she must stop in order to take the stage again - left her trunk at H's - had solicited a gentleman with wagg. coming this way to ride with him a few miles, but he in a surly mood refused. I told her had I been in his place, or had I a team & was going her way, would cheerfully carry her - was bound to the foot of Wright's hill, Pownal. This side Mr Andrews' rode with our Englishman, Mr Thoda, to Dr Swift's store - Saw the Dr & learned that my note was not discounted - felt discouraged - returned home in rather low spirits. In the evening a strong discussion of the dairy question was maintained which ended as good as it began. Father's employm't was that of mowing weeds, thistles &c. Sylvanus threshed 150 sheaves of rye assisted by T. Kent whom he afterwards paid by helping him get a jag of wood.

WED. SEPT. 10 Fair, quite cool, wind N. All hands, assisted by T. Kent, cut up 4 acres corn, some of it pretty light. P.M. turned cheese - marched up street - called on capt. E. Waters for money, could spare none nor make any set promise, but would get it for me as soon as he could. After standing about Dr S's store a good while marching & countermarching, borrowed of the Dr \$10. in money - He gave it as his opinion that it would be best for the Bennington Bank not to discount any more bills at present - complained of the pressure of the times occasioned by too great an importation of English Dry Goods &c. Saw in and about the store Ed. H., Mr Isham, M. Manchester and others. Saw and spoke with L. Jewett respecting the application of young Mr Southworth (whom we were expecting to see on Saturday) for our school - he could not attend himself, but would rest it altogether with Mr Smith and me. Came down tow'd home accomp'd by S. H. Brown and Manchester a part of the way. Saw uncle Bliss - agreed to convey Miss Brinsmaid, his gr'd daughter, to Lansingburgh, and to transport half a bbl fish from the river for him. Called at Mr Andrew's and rec'd paym't on a small acc't of 70 cts - for want of small change - p'd 75 - agreed to make it right another day.

THURSDAY, SEPT. 11 For remarks on the weather see Sept. 29th - started for Troy - called on Dr N. Swift who was so good as to sign a brief recommend, drawn by himself, of me to O. & A. Arnold, Troy, pledging his responsibility to them for the payment of \$100 which I wished to obtain at the Troy B'k - Rec'd Miss Brinsmaid at Mr B's - Our ride was very pleas't but not enlivened by much conversation - made a short halt at Snyder's - Arrived in Lansingburgh at an early hour. Must go back to





tell of seeing J. Norton & his brother Norman in a 1 h. wagg. and his lady & another female in a chaise bound to Albany - One thing more - was guilty of taking many cat naps on the road - perhaps mortified my fair passenger's pride on that account - as some people passed me in one of my nodding fits - a circumstance that could well be twisted against my sobriety - Drove to Troy short metre - having safely disposed of Miss B. at her uncle Luther's - Called at the Arnold's - talked respecting money, for which rec'd encouragement - and something was said of dairies. Pushed down to E.D. Waters - found an animal shew of small importance - Alligator, Egyptian Crocodile, Sea-horse, Seal, Monkey &c. - was invited by the keeper or solicited to see, but chose rather to stand off - They had good music from a cymbal & 2 violins. Improved some little time in running up & down to see what I could. Followed the crowd attached to 4 volunteer militia companies that were marshalled in full uniform led by two field officers of sovereign and surly military look. Visited the leather store of J. Gary - himself out of town, clerk absent on acc't of a sick child - made selection of my leather and departed. Heard music again in the evening - Also walked past the Mayor's dwelling, a gr'd brick establishment where there was a gay company of "Nobility" celebrating the 2d day wedding of the Hon. M's brother - such a buzzing we don't often hear. Transacted small business with our old friend Powelson and at Disturnell's Bank store - bo't a book for Hopkins - played the flute a few moments for a boy of true active trading style who performed the duties of clerk - Retired for the night at last at cous. Samuel R's where an old rough Dutchman, formerly a sailor, kept us a short while to give us some account of himself - Ought to have mentioned in proper order taking supper at my cous. & bringing him from home a 10 gall. cask full of brabdy (cider) of which about 7/10ths was high wines made 1823, the remainder of last years make reduced - perhaps the whole might be as good as 12 gall's - asked pay for only half - the other to go towards my living on him when on business in the City.

FRIDAY, SEPT. 12 Brevity should be my aim. Bo't at Gary's, clerk not pres't, but by his sanction, leather amounting to \$11.41, including a side of oak tanned, white sole leath'r at 2/6 Y'k - on credit, & 1 ball thr'd 10" paid - took in 1/2 bbl fish, Pattison & Hart's for Mr Bliss - paid freight - 1/6 Y'k - Rec'd for Dr Swift 1 bbl loaf sugar at Silliman & Grant's - Bo't of cous. Samuel 3 brooms at 1/3 and 1 small whip 1/6 - on credit - Paid at various stores for small notions, including suspenders for Sylvanus, 66-1/2 cts - Made an agreement & signed note for \$100 to be forwarded me, interest for sixty days to be deducted, by the Arnolds which they would draw from the T.B'k. And they sold me articles including 1 bbl flour at \$6.12-1/2 amounting to \$21.04 - paid for the flour and gave note for the remainder at 60 days - See Merchant Book of this date for particulars - cousin Samuel assisted in arranging my load & came off passenger with me for Bennington. Left Troy late - Arrived at Wadsworth's 2 or 3 P.M. - played the fife some at the request of our old friend Abel W. - Uncle Joe gone to Albany to attend the Legislature in the character of Representative to the Assembly - came on again without meeting with anything worse than very rough travelling up Potter Hill and through Shingle Hollow - halted at Newell's - drank some cordial - which if temperate people drink thereof I am sure there can be no great difference between temperance and intemperance. Got to Hicks' after dark - Indians held a powow there - delivered bbl to Dr Swift & Son







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SATURDAY, SEPT. 13 Visited over E.- they were repairing the oil mill - told them they must wait on me for their pay until I could raise money by the sale of produce. Bargained with Daniel Fullwe for cheese casks at 25 cts, materials, excepting hoop-poles, being furnished him - to pay in October, say 15th. Engaged Mr J. Harwood to come to make shoes for us "Next Week" - Visited J. Norton's store - Returned home late in the day. Mr G.W. Southworth in my absence had arrived from Dorset - In conjunction with Mr P. Smith engaged him to teach school in District No. 2 six months, beginning on the 20th of October next - at \$11 per month - to receive 2/3d of the public money to be drawn out of the T. Treas'y in March next - the remainder to be collected by himself as far as practicable. Mrs Harwood was this day, if I am correctly informed, 35 yrs old. Just say I saw cous. P. Waters & her daughters C. & D. at E. W. D's.

SUNDAY, SEPT. 14 Usual concerns occupied my attention. Early in the evening visited the dwelling of Sam'l Robinson Sen, waited upon Miss Stratton and my daughter there - none of the men, cous Ed., excepted, were at home - accomp'd him to Walbridge's cid. mill with cart & oxen to get cider which they had just made. Saw S.D. Walbridge - uncle Sam & Saff'd, Ira Haynes, Joel Rice & wanted to see cous Nathan but he had started for Troy this morning - wished to arrange business so as to have him get my money for me of the Arnold's. Returned home about 9 in the evening, with Adeline.

MONDAY, SEPT. 15 Mr Southworth prepared to take leave for home this morning, had boarded with us up to Saturday 13th 18 weeks. Deducted one therefrom on account of setting up stove & fixing fire-board - paid by my wife in a w'ks b'd on baked potatoes & milk - leaving 17 weeks at \$1.25 pr w'k to be endorsed on the \$27. note which he had against me - then add \$2. cash - making the endorse'm't am't to \$23.25 - leaving due on note including interest up to this date according to my reckoning \$4.22 - besides which he held a small acc't the minutes of which I mislaid - calculating on boarding a few days longer on his return from Manchester - threshing & plowing were the main branches of business pursued this day. S. & brother rode off in a very decent 1 h. wagg. hired for the purpose by the latter.

TUESDAY, SEPT. 16 The field on which grew Ind. corn the Summer past was prepared by ploughing with 2 teams for sowing rye. Had time to visit town and visit the training of officers held this day in Bennington - Sylvanus visited the shop of James Harwood to convey leather for making him a pair of coarse shoes. Saw E. Montague who immediately on my request paid me in full at Brown & Fay's store for the service of S. W. Daniels 2 days at haying \$1.50. Drew an order on O. & A. Arnold for \$100 in money payable to Sam or Henry Robinson and lodged uncle Sam. R. who expected to go to Troy on Saturday - Henry must go on that day at any rate. Saw & conversed with D. Robinson Jun'r in a very friendly manner. Dr McClure just called and paid a compliment to Capt. D. - talked of setting up as a physician in Bennington







WED. SEPT. 17 The sowing, harvesting and rolling - the last not quite over the whole - of corn gr'd was compleated. S.W.D. ~~pl~~ sowed the rye & P.M. attended officers training which was ended this day under command of Col. H. Robinson.

THURSDAY, SEPT. 18 Digging potatoes in the S. meadow was the employm't

FRIDAY, SEPT. 19 The same business continued.

SATURDAY, 20 The above employm't was bro't to a close in that patch which gave us a pretty decent yield - say gr'd 250 bbls. A.M. was busy loading wagg. with cooper stuff consisting of seas'd 1/2 inch hemlock purchased of Lyon last winter - took nearly 800 feet, which in the evening was conveyed to Mr Fuller by Sylvanus - Dairy was looked to as a part of my occupation during the day - Wrote in my book at n't.

SUNDAY, SEPT. 21 Executed the usual task with the pen - measured cheeses assisted by Sylvanus & my lady - was under the necessity doing so on account to prepare direction for the size of the casks to be made by Mr Fuller who already had instructions, but which were not rightly prepared, - Visited Mr F. in the evening, taking up the old & leaving the new. There was a Religious meeting of the people at the Irish Corner school house. Returned home by fair moon light.

MONDAY, SEPT. 22 Peas, hops & potatoes on the old garden spot gave us em ploym't. The company of Mr Medad Smith with his two sisters, Mrs Street and Mrs Cloe Smith, widow of the late Simeon S., of Suffield C't was rec'd - she formerly resided with her sister in this place - about 30 years since - hzd by her husband 2 sons only - was now about 51 years of age - While young had lived at this house hired as spinster. Mrs Norton the lady of Mr J. Norton was of the party - uncle J. himself joined late P.M. - carried away the company in his wagg. Mr Vail Sen'r came to view our cheese - expressed himself in an ambiguous style with regard to his errand - tho't of going to N.Y. City to see ab't the sale of cheese &c. Our company visited and praised the dairy. Sally Harw'd made a sage cheese.

TUESDAY, SEPT. 23 Rode as early as convenient into the Street - Rec'd from O. & A. Arnold per Henry Robinson 2nd \$ 98.93, most of which was paid over to Dr Swift & Swift & Son - applied as follows - took up note \$61.82 - \$13.00 borrowed - \$12.00 on \$38.00 note, April 1st 1827 - and \$4.00 towards the last sum borrowed on the 10th inst of which there had been paid \$3.00 leaving due \$3.00 - sum total paid \$90.82. Visited Algiers got 6-1/2 lbs fresh beef per Peck & Norton. P.M. went to Major Luman Norton's - paid to Mr Fenton to apply on debt due Miss B. Allen for teaching school, \$8.13 - public money - on my private or common school bill, 18 cts - this was paid by guess - next day made up the deficiency - 2 cts on each bill - Came up home in company with friend L. Norton and R. Carpenter who were bound to the B'k. Arrived here and assisted in the erection of pig sty. We rode out to Mr Kelly's to see his dairy - they were milking - had 46 cows - one of which had a calf - cow appeared pretty well - Cheese







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1828 looked for some reason or other, rather bad, mouldy and solid - made a short tarry. On our return came across Lydia & Damia who had been on a visit to Mrs Montague's - with them made an evening visit at Mr Andrews' - entertained us with music and comic songs - very polite, lively & obliging. There were present Mr G. Robinson, Mark Morrison, & G. Nort. Jr. Came home latish. Finished digging potatoes - 300 bhls.

WEDNESDAY, SEPT. 24 Went to the shop of Major L. Norton on an errand concerning a grain cradle - conversed with our major only a few minutes - walked up to Capt Waters' - agreed with him to make a wagg. box - to use rivets instead of nails in its construction. Came home & assisted S. W.D. at threshing 200 sheaves rye - Father was employed at other business - Lent 1 bhl rye to Mr G. Robinson. The new Administration press was understood to have arrived in town on the 23rd inst.

THURSDAY, SEPT. 25 Something over 9 bhls rye was winnowed up - 10 bhls put in bags designed for Walbridge's mill - Proceeded thither therewith in the two horse wagg. accomp'd by my little boy - Went to Mr D. Fuller's - waited for the completion of a few casks - loaded 8 of them - Saw & spoke with Messrs A. & L. Sherwood - said but little - dined with Mr F. and family in good style - On the way home halted at J. Hubbell Esq's engaged to him 20 lbs butter & 1 cheese at 7" - Bo't of Mr Demming a coffee pot at 3/6 payable in cheese. Father and Sylvanus worked at harvesting buckwheat.

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 26 Buckwheat all cut - pretty good growth of straw but not well filled - assisted in the field A.M. P.M. attended to the dairy and rode tomtown - disposed of 13 lbs cheese to Mr Demming the tinner, and a May cheese of 27-1/4 lbs to J. Hubbell Esq telling his lady not to keep it if not perfectly suited with it - Visited several houses to make engagements for butter and pork but had rather poor success - several of the gentlemen not being at home.

SATURDAY, SEPT. 27 Father and Sylvanus with oxen & cart labored on the highway with others of the District under the orders of the Surveyor Mr S. Loomis. UI was left at home - husked 4 stacks of corn & marched to Algiers - entered the house of cous. U. M. Robinson - was some surprised to find several ladies present strangers to me - took my cous. aside and engaged to him one of our fat hogs at the usual time of killing - Visited the store of J. Norton - Saw a late Price Curr't in the N.Y. Journal of Commerce representing cheese to be worth 7-3/4 cts pr lb - Rode into the street with cous. N. Robinson - the Bank house appeared to be going up finely - Saw Kellogg & Kelly talking together - the latter said he should ask 1/0 pr lb for butter - came down to Esq'r Hubbell's and after hearing him and his friend Cooley finish their business learned that the cheese did not suit - so of course agreed to take it back -







Spent a few moments at Swift & Son's store - They said the reason why cattle flour, beef and other farmer's produce sold so high in mark't was the foreign demand occasioned by blasting rains in Europe - late papers being full of distressing accounts from that part of the world - From the store was accompanied by the Dr to his old residence - borrowed Spectator of Sept 19th & 23rd and returned home - Damia with M.A.Waters and Miss Fenton paid a visit to Mr Fenton & family - N. part of the town.

On Friday evening Mr Andrews' with his violin came down and very obligingly performed some fine pieces on the instrument - sang comic songs, accompanied by the violin - making most agreeable merriment for the company present. Miss E. Waters, Miss M.A.W., and Miss Fenton were of the party.

Same eve'g bright N. Lights were in fine view.

SUNDAY, SEPT. 28 Brought up my business to a date more recent than it had been for a long time - Several of the family went to Church - Late in the day S.H.Brown came over to pay us a little visit - looked at the dairy &c - talked of Mr Clark with father & mother - considered him great in the pulpit - but imprudent there & elsewhere - not agreeable in common life. On Saturday Mrs Duncan made a short call - informed us that she was preparing to visit her friends and relatives at the west - requested our opinion of the propriety of the movement - we all as one gave in affirmatively - urged her strongly to keep up good courage & go.

MONDAY, SEPT. 29 Gathering fruit and erecting a temporary fence composed of stakes, withes & boards - and assisting in the dairy, made up the days employ'm't on the part of B. Harwood & Son - Sylvanus drew a load of wood from the woods of gen. Robinson for Mr Ayres P.M. with oxen, horse & cart - got grist of rye at Wlabridge's and 16 cheese casks from D. Fuller's - well and stoutly made - I gave direction to him to bring away the stuff that might be left unless Mr F. would allow me at the rate of sixty cents a hund. for it. Mr F. was absent - the boys said Mr Vail had been there and told them that I had given him permission to take it at fifty cents - True when he came to see us I mentioned to him that I supposed that what would be left would be the refuse of the heap - considered it not worth more than that - but on learning from Mr F. that he worked up the boards just as they came to hand and as Mr V. did not tell me he should accept of my offer - considered myself at liberty to send the above order to Mr F. - however the boards, six wide ones, were not bro't off - might am't to 120 feet - M.A.Waters continued her visit.

Remarks on the weather from the 11th to the 29th:

11th cool, fine and fair, w'd N.W. 12th fine & warm. 13 th warm, pleas't and some cloudy. 14th cook, wind E., cloudy, likely for rain. 15th slight rains from the E., cool. 16th some rainy & cool, wind E. 17th Cool, wind E. 18th thick clouds, cool, wind e. 19th Fair with flying clouds ; 20th Flying cl'ds & cool air - w'd S.E.; 21st Sound, fair but quite cool  $\frac{1}{2}$  22d Unfair & cl'dy A.M. - P.M. fine ; 23d Fair & fine; 24th Some wldy 7 rainy in the m'g, tolerably pleas't P.M.; 25th Pleas't & warm - rained late in the day ; 26th Cool & cldy - w'd N.;







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27th Cloudy & tolerably cool, saw wind E. or N.; 28th High cold S. wind, cld rained P.M. & eve'g; 29th coolish & cldy, w'd N. And we will add the 30th Thick fog in the morning, cloudy until past noon - pretty pleas't and warm P.M. No frost in this vicinity so far as we were acquainted, during the month - were blessed with fine grass food for our creatures in pastures and meadows.

TUESDAY, SEPT. 30 Employed Capt E. Waters in repair cider-press & mill, cistern &c., putting the same in order for business. He likewise tore away a part of an old cupboard which stood in the old Milk Room - making 2/3ds of the day, for which charged 75 cents. Waiting upon him and otherwise assisting was our occupation - afterwards I conveyed the wagg. and basswood lumber to W's with the view of letting him build us a long box 12 feet in length - Hopkins being with me returned with the oxen. I went to Mr Chandler's and ordered 60 rivets - saw some mineral coal which he had lately bought at Troy. Returning homeward enjoyed the company of my daughter who entered her 13th year on the 28th - Saw Mr Andrews industriously engaged in harvesting his potatoes - made a positive engagem't to sell him one of our fat hogs at the market price. At home assisted in repairing hog sty &c. Our ladies this P.M. rec'd the company of Mrs W. and Mrs Andrews - they were shewn the dairy. While at W's a gentleman riding in a very decent one h. wagg. under a chaise top - a lady in co - halted and enquired the distance to Manchester and something respecting the road - mentioning at the same time that he thought Bennington had much improved since the Battle with the Hessians. We then in haste requested his name and residence - said his name was Bowen - resided at the W. but at the time of B. Batt. belonged to Cheshire, Ms - came up in Scymond's Regim't, being only in his 17th year - during the first action was left with the guard of the baggage - had an actual part in the P.M. engagement. Sylvanus attended training from 9 in the morning until sun-down - many officers were appoint'd including a Lieut. -~~Mrs-Nelson-and-her--~~ Mrs Duncan and her son Nelson accomp'd by John P. Staunton started off to the W.

WEDNESDAY, OCT. 1 Chilly, cloudy & rainy P.M. & ev'g, w'd S. Various kinds of business were executed too numerous & in themselves uninportant to need particular insertion - Some fruit gathered - short pieve of rail fence erected against the young hogs getting into the brook - those creatures were removed from N. orchard to their new residence S. of the hog sty - cider hogsheads some of them taken out of the cellar - one of them filled with water & emptied into the cider mill cistern - tore out the remainder of the old cupb'd in the milk room - a load of old rails was drwn to Mrs Kent's, a basswood log for making trays drawn for Mr Ayres from gen. Robinson's - some few bask'ts corn husked towards evening and a little thrashing of rye executed.

We heard of the death of Deac. Stoddard Merchant of Pownal - He was on his way to the N. to purchase cattle - a man of excellent character - much esteemed and respected by all who knew him.

Died this day of consumption Mrs Lovicy, amiable consort of Mr Luther Bliss in her            year - Very good Christian lady.







THURSDAY, OCT. 2 Cold & cloudy, frost expected, w'd N. Husking corn was the business on the farm. P.M. assisted Mrs H. in handling cheese and in the evening rode into "The Street". Mr Vail called once more - had visited the City of New York since being here - cheese going low & dull - would not like to pay \$6 $\frac{1}{2}$  hund. deliv'd at Troy. Brought a small cask to be filled with butter sometime during the present month, for which he engaged to pay me~~x~~, delivered at his house, or if he should receive the same here, 1/0 pr lb lawful money. He talked round a good deal in order to induce me to dispose of a few feet of hemlock boards suitable for making cheese casks at 50 cts pr hun'd the same as I paid at the mill when green - suffered him to talke 174 feet here at that price and as much as he should want of what remained at Mr Fuller's at the same rate - to make accurate returns thereof - payable at the time of paying for the butter - Mr V. visited us at noon - was returning from Norton's Distillery where he had been to carry a load of cider - This evening attended to various errands - Conversed with Mr Farwell on pasturing cattle - both for beef and dairy - that old pastures as long as they should yield sufficiently luxuriously - it was by far best to keep our creatures therein on many accounts - uncle S. Robinson was present - went into Fisk's and spent some few moments - At McEwen's saw Mr Judson of Arlington who, finding out my name, recollected something transacted with him in the Summer of 1811 - See Journ'l for that year -

Engaged to Mc E. a quantity of butter - rec'd pots of him & J. Hubbell - of the latter rec'd in full for 27 $\frac{1}{2}$  lbs cheese, \$1.91" cash money &c.

Called at J.E. Robinson's & talk'd respecting butter but made no bargain - he engaged a cheese at 7" pr lb.

Early in the eve'g got H. Waters to purchase on my acc't paint stuffs at Swift & Sons which he afterwards mixed ready for action. H.W. had just finished planting posts - red beech - for his door yard fence - were put down upwards of 4 feet in the solid ground - Dr H. Swift was present and laughed at him for it.

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 3 Chilly and cloudy, w'd N. Attended to husking corn A.M. P.M. saw the solemnization in part of the funeral of Mrs Bliss. Late in the day rode out to Capt. L. Sherwood's accomp'd by G. Hell'n as far as his house. At the captains they were all in usual health - Dairy going on very well - not wholly confined to cheese - being turned partly to the manufacture of butter - numbered 18 or 19 cows giving milk - Stebbins Walbridge Jr was there - capt. S. weighed a cheese which amounted to 39 $\frac{1}{2}$  lbs - had 11 great hogs which he calculated to fatten for market - & according to his estimate & that a pretty accurate one, would sell for at least \$200. His mode of feeding was such as had been practiced for a number of years in that part of the country - boiling potatoes mixed with ground provender & whey &c.

Had my horse put out and tarried over night - Saw Lyman's lady & child. Read a few pages of Williams' History of Verm't - Conquest of Canada.

Capt S. shewed me a Saxon buck bo't for \$100. in 1827







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SATURDAY, OCTOBER 4 Great dew & fog this morning - a slight frost - none before this period, the present season - vines and such like vegetables were green and lively - Chilly wind and clouds came up from the S.E. or S. - various signs of rain appeared. Walked out in the morning with Capt. Sherwood to view his fine farm - saw fine meadows, pastures, good Ind. corn, a handsome flock of Merino Saxon lambs &c &c. After breakfast, having previously consulted on the probable sale of cheese, started off for Adams, Ms., in order to look up a dealer in cheese - Drove to J. Case's - looked at his dairy which was not heavy - 16 cows - had been sold for \$1. pr hund - payable sometime in the Winter - Met M. Manchester near the mills of Brown, Pownal. Next called at Mr Pliny Wright's where a dairy of from 30 to 34 cows was kept - here they had a very fine lot of cheese made in first rate style by Miss Shepardson who took the whole charge of making & turning it through the whole season at \$1.50 pr week - Past noon took the road leading from near Stone's tavern on the N.E. side of the Hoosick - before getting so far saw some men engaged, a short distance S. of the line, trying to run out a new course for the highway. Being arrived near the Village of North Adams found men at work endeavoring to level the hill over which the road passes - Called at Smith's Inn - had hay for my mare & beer & crackers for myself. There was considerable company present - among others an intemperate sort of man between 40 & 50 was haunting the Barkeeper for more liquor - Addressed himself some of the time to "Captain Shippey", who had been an old School-master - talked of Logarithms &c - Marched over to the store of W. F. Brayton - found him repairing an old pair of outside stairs - Without much introduction Mr B. very familiarly communicated to me what he knew respecting the cheese markey at N.Y. - nothing flattering - very low - was expecting his partner in selling cheese to return from that City this evening and after that he should know better what course to pursue.

Promised to be at Bennington in the course of the next week when he would inform us whether he would buy or sell on commission.

Left the Village late P.M. - arrived at Pownal meeting house after dark.

Mr Manchester saw and asked me to convey home for him a small grist and a basket of live fowls - said he had money - offered me pay. I asked him if 25 cts would be too much ? upon which he handed over a quarter very





readily - I afterwards considered it too high & sent back to Mrs M. 12 $\frac{1}{2}$  cts. Arrived here before 9 o'clock in the evening.

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 5 Cold & cldy, w'd S. rained P.M. & eve'g. Wrote as usual - perused papers - assisted at turning cheese &c &c. Rec'd a friendly visit from our respected friend Capt. L. Sherwood of Hoosick who on acc't of rain tarried all night - was very sociable and companionable during the evening. He viewed the dairy, hogs &c.

MONDAY, OCTOBER 6 Chilly and cloudy - considerable wind from N.W. Mr S. departed for home early - Husking at the heap was the chief employm't - Visited the Street in the evening - tried to get business Troy way - could obtain one - At the P.O. wrote a line to the Arnold's of T. acquainting them with the proposals of Mr Brayton and requesting a reply to show they could serve me. Saw cous. N. Robinson, W. Haswell, D. Clark, S. Clark & others - Returned before 9 with S.W.D. i in the ohe h. wagg. all safe - Saw at the P.O. capt P. Herwood, who was in usual health - family likewise.

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 7 Grew more mild than it had been - fair w'd. Corn & corn fodder mostly made secure from the weather. Rec'd assistance from T. Kent towards evening while I rode to the P. Office where an arrangement was made with our friend Em Gleason with regard to the transportation of a load of cheese to Troy - Saw & conversed with Sam'l Fay Esq & H.H. Fassett who were wrought up to a high pitch on the subject of "Church & State". Before going up the Hill had conveyed the old wagg. to Chandler & Sons to have the box ironed off. Nearly opposite the store of Brown & Fay conversed a few moments in a very friendly way with S. Robinson Sen. Also this side gen Robinson's met Mr Kelly who said he had lately met & consulted with the Arnolds' as to their mode of managing cheese on commission, of which he did not approve - said he would call and see me some day the present week. Yhis morning received a visit from Mr S. Rockwood Jr who was in want of money due for oil meal bo't last Spring - told him my situation - that I had not disposed of anything yet by which cash could be raised &c. - he then asked me if I should have any objection to endorsing for him - to the Bank ? Replied that I had none - and after he had drawn a note for \$300 payable at the expiration of three months - set my name thereto jointly with his - paid him \$1. in money - leaving due him on acc't \$50 or thereabouts. Talked some of swapping cows with him. Mr R. said he was pretty extensively engsged in buying up flax-seed - expected in a number of loads the present week - Mentioned likewise by way of propping his credit that uncle Jo. Wadsworth of Pittstown, N.Y. had endorsed for him at the Troy B'k to the am't of \$1,000 without requiring security.

Arrived here this P.M. W. S. Southworth in good health from Dorset,







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WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 8 Capitally pleas't - very warm - air remarkably serene - heard drums and reports of artillery from the S. of N.York. Father & mother visited capt. P. Harwood & family - traded a little at the store of Swift & Son - gathering wint. apples, assisting at turning cheese & getting home 1 load of soft corn, made up the occupation of the day. Rec'd a visit from Mr W. Brayton of Adams, Ms., to whom after a short consultation disposed of our cheese at \$6 per hund. to be delivered at Silliman & Grant's, Troy, N.Y., casks thrown in a part of the bargain too hard for me, but nevertheless could obtain no better terms. He said he liked our bairy better than he had calculated to. Might weigh and mark my casks here provided it should be done accurately - I engaged to have it so & if it proved otherwise would make up the loss - he said they never stood about the variation of a pound or two

in a cask - appeared to be very fair & accommodating - Would order paid on delivery of the cheese, which I engaged should not fall much short of 5,000 lbs w't \$150. - the residue to be advanced after his return from N.Y. which, at farthest, would not be past the middle of Dec'r ensuing. The gentleman proceeded on his way to visit other dairies in this vicinity - being seated in his sulky - Cheese to be deliv'd on the 20th.

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 9 Great dew in the morning, very warm, fair day. Made a kind of deposit for the afores'd corn to begin with, afterwards fruit was gather'd in Clerk's orch'd - Evening finished husking corn in the barn for the pres't season - had a light crop from 4 acres, same land improved in that way in 1827 - like cause produced the same effect only in a less degree this than last year - worms. Might estimate it at about bushels good and bad. Mrs Ayres picked geese for our ladies. Married this P.M. Mr Samuel Canfield to Mrs Clarissa Barney eldest daughter of Capt J. Norton deceased & widow of the late W. Barney - a former school fellow of mine. To us this was all new. Mr C. is said to have 2 children - Mrs B. had none. The above occurrence might have been recorded in much better and more comprehensive terms - Mr C. resides in Arlington & holds the office of Sheriff of Bennington County.

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 10 A rain storm seemed to be brewing - raw chilly w'd from S., flying clds. Sylvanus with the oxen was employed until noon assisting at the drawing of a building of small size erected by the late Col Brush for a carriage house & some other use - was drawn some little distance W. from the dwelling of capt. Hall. Deacon Saff'd occupies the old house, the old Brush house - tenant to Mrs Whiting

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eldest daughter of the late capt M. Robinson. A new building for the accommodation of students at the Academy was now going up at this place under the eye & authority of the Deacon. Main business at home was gathering apples in the Litt. meadow & C's orch'd. Endured much pain from a bile on my right arm nearly as low as the wrist. Mrs A. Waters and son Nathaniel from Stockbridge Ms came to visit us. Left home in tolerable health. m The Waters' ladies were numerously assembled here this P.M. In the evening C. Harwood made his appearance - complained of sickness & made quite a stir - went to bed - but rested poorly.

SATURDAY, OCT. 11 Some slight showers of rain fell, there seemed to be quite a powerful one at the north & something serious at the East - heard many reports of thunder - Cl'dy & cool at n't wind N. Two l'ds of app's were bro't from the y'g orch'd, more of that business would have been done had it been fair early in the day - Cous. N. Waters ret'd home this day leaving his mother behind to visit awhile. S.W. Daniels on receiv'g notice by his brother Aldrus of there being at his father's in Pownal some relations from 'Fort Amer) Lake G. N.Y. rode home in the eve'g to see them. This morning first began pasturing the cows in our meadows for the present season - had hitherto been doing unusually well in the summer pasture - yielded more cheese than in the latter end of Aug. or forep't of Sept. daily am't being not much short of 40 lbs.

SUNDAY, OCT. 12 Dismally stormy during the morning, but before 12 at noon the sun broke through the clouds and seemed to cheer us with finer prospects - however the N. chilling wind of the m'g lasted until about sunset when it became calm - was early busy with the pen, but it afterwards proved detrimental to me because my early rising, some bad health along with the bile mentioned on Friday caused drowsiness and want of energy - and indeed there was always a great want of that ingredient in my composition. Assisted some in the dairy - Late P.M. walked to the residence of the late Eli Noble Esq., Pow'l - took my course across the farm of the late capt. Norton, Maj. L., Deac. Fay, Mr Loomis, along the edge of a swamp S.E. of their house W. of Jewett's woods - over the possessions of Wid. Billings', G. House &c down the old road to Esq Bates' into the main ~~rd~~ road. Found Mrs Noble, the widow of the venerable Eli, in comfortable health - now about 85 years of age - was born in July if I mistake not - 1743. Conversed with her principally concerning our Dewey ancestry & some minutes of which I noted down and will attend thereto at some more convenient season - She talked with me respecting her Wyoming escape - 1778 - wanted to get someone to draw up an account of her Life - Referred her to Eldad Dewey as the most proper person.







Supped at Granny N's and then started for home - conversed a mom't with friend Wagar who was engaged in burning a coal pit this side of his house - Got home by about 8 in the evening - associated with cousin Anne, daughter M. Ann, Southworth, H. Waters & c & c. Esq Bates was with W. when I saw him.

MONDAY, OCTOBER 13 Wind arose very chilly in the morning from the S. but in a short time a much milder temperature succeeded - the height or strength of the wind increased almost to a hurricane - turned one app. tree up by the roots - stood near the brook, close by the dipping place, once called grindstone tree because the grind-stone many years since was placed under its branches, bore apples neither sweet nor sour. Some boards place rather loosely over the top of the hog pen for the purpose of defending against heat in a hot summer's day were blown off. The air became smoky, and it was cloudy - evening it rained - air having a smell that resembled the smell of tar. Wound off gathering fruit in the upper orch'd - 5 loads or 150 bbls besides some few for wint. and other uses. S.W.D. talked much of going a walnutting - Hopkins under the notion of accompanying him on the morrow, assisted about our work. Tho's Kent with his mother & brother Reub. went to Mr Gleason's, Shaftsbury, chestnutting - we provided them with horse & wagg. This evening Mr Eli Carpenter on his way from the West where he had collected a flock of sheep amounting to nearly 1000 in number, called upon us - enquired what I had done with my cheese - told him it was sold to Mr Brayton - he thought I had done well - spoke very warmly in favor of Mr B. - wished he could so dispose of his, of which he supposed there would be about 4000 lbs w't - took some brandy - mentioned being here thirty five years ago when a boy making cider - never saw any made before - talked of Universalism - and went home on horse back, dark as it was.

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 14 High chilling wind from N.W. very blue & wintry, scuddy, very unpleas't - spent the A.M. with father repairing fence against Chatfield's ancient dominion - Seiders was digging his potatoes - P.M. bro't home some corn which had been left in the meadow where it had been husked at the heap - Rec'd company from Williemstown, Ms - Levi Smedly Jr, lady, sister & 2 young ladies bound to Hinsdill's Factory - whence he conveyed them after dinner. Late P.M. called at the shop of E. Waters who finished off all his p't of the work on the wagg. box - price \$1.50 - called upon Mr Bliss - would let me have money next week - Wanted to get home





the wagg - Chandler & S. had not compleated their part - went to Swift & Son's to procure glass for School house - had none 7 x 9 . Return'd home accomp'd by L.Norton Esq who informed me that Mr Brayton had bo't up the dairies at the W. part of the town & vicinity - terms like mine excepting that they rec'd no pay down - but waited 60 days. Agreed to deliver a quantity of cider to the Major. S.H.Brown this eve'g came over & wished to purchase old pork or a live fat hog - the former we could not spare - the latter we wished to keep awhile longer. S.W.Daniels, Nrs Harwood, Adaline & Hopkins went to Shaftsbury chestnutting.

WEDNESDAY, OCT. 15 Frozen, unpleas't & chilly - w'd N. Mr Smedley & his people withdrew to Mr Loomis'. Diadamia accomp them thither. Sent for capt J's steelyards with which casks were weighed - By 9 in the eve'g had 19 casks filled with cheese. Mrs S. Harw'd compleated her 168th cheese since the first of May last. Adeline and Clarissa Robinson visited Miss Wiltsey this P.M.

THURSDAY, OCT. 16 Tolerably pleas't, w'd N. Harvested & threshed buckwheat - Had the assistance of Tho's Kent all day. Lydia introduced the business of making fall butter. Cool bright moon light evening.

FRIDAY, OCT. 17 Chilly, cl'dy & smoky, w'd S., rain expected. Both stoves were erected in the kitchen and milk-room. J.Harwood commenced making shoes for us - P.M. weighed 19 casks cheese which exclusive of tare amounted to 4751 lbs - In the eve'g we weighed the residue left in the cheese loft - 1 in the press excepted which was discounted for shrinkage, making a total, including 3 cut at home & 1 sold J.Hubbell, of 6301 lbs. Sylvanus drew 1 load wood from gen R's woods for Mr Ayres & another to the school house on our own acc't. T. Kent rec'd an old butternut tree which blew down from the rocks this side the Dr Fay Lane.

SATURDAY, OCT. 18 Very smoky and likewise extremely unpleas't & cold  $\frac{3}{4}$  Cutting wind from N.W. Filled the 20th cask with cheese this morning - making out my bill to about 4989 lbs. The parade was cleared of timber. Mr Witsey the father of Miss Marg't paid us a short visit. Rigged the wagg. for Troy - Sylvanus had the horses shod at Harry Norton's - gathered some butternuts after his return - W.S. Southworth set 12 panes of glass for us at the school house for which he was to be remunerated in the ride of horses at his call - price  $37\frac{1}{2}$  Settled with Miss Wiltsey who had served us at house work since May 25, 20 weeks & 6 days at 75" per week - allowed her account for 21 weeks - making a bill





of \$15.75, of which there remained due her \$7.37" - the other part having been paid in goods at Swift & Son's - some needle work pr Diadama & c. This evening waited upon Miss W. to the foot of the hill near the summit of which was the residence of her father - the way being pretty steep & rough she excused my going farther. On this expedition conveyed Capt Hicks' steelyards to the owner. As I returned transacted business at Swift & Son's. Bo't a hair pencil  $\frac{1}{2}$  lb black lead - paid for both 14 cents - Saw Jacob Brooks there - Do not recollect much what occurred in the evening after getting home.

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 19 Much frost in the morning & it was pretty chilly & cool all day - wind N.W. The cheese casks were regularly marked with black paint - chiefly by the hand of Sam. H. Brown who ate breakfast with us - had to send over to Mr Ayres' to get his round drawing knives in order to shave off the rough nap from the hds of those casks to prepare them for painting - I made bold to mark one or two myself, Sylvanus one, and our good friend W.S. Southworth 2 or 3 in very good style. Our casks thus prepared were divided as nearly equal as the nature of the business would admit and loaded on to 3 waggas N. L. Robinson & Em Gleason having arrived in time to do so. The whole weight of our cheese & casks amounted, according to my computation, to 5514 lbs nett w't. A bill showing this was carefully made out to Mr Brayton or as it should have been to Bennett & Brayton. Friend S. assisted in casting the am't of said bill - saved a memorandum of the same.

MONDAY, OCT. 20 Frosty - fine day ensued - three loads cheese were started off pretty early this morning. Em Gleason was accomp'd by his brother Eben - they had chestnuts intended for the Troy market. We halted at Mr Wadsworth's as usual - Saw among others there L. Patchin & F. Blackmer on the way home from N. York - Of the former cousin N. L. Robinson engaged a load of goods to transport to Bennington. Without meeting with anything more remarkable than many teams and cl'ds of dust - arrived in Troy by way of Lansingburgh - about sunset - delivered our cheese safe & sound at Silliman & Grant's Left my bill with Mr Mann the clerk - and in the evening received \$150 according to contract, of Mr Brayton, by the hand of the aforesaid clerk - signed a receipt drawn by the former, for the same - Soon after went to O. & A. Arnold's - paid over on the Bank demand \$100 - and took





a note of \$11.83 - Marched up and down looking at stoves to see if I could find such as would suit, but could discover none that fairly answered the description wanted - Bo't at the Tobacco Factory  $1\frac{1}{2}$  lbs tobacco in the leaf - Supped & slept at cous. S. Robinson's.

TUESDAY, OCT. 21 Continued fine & warm, dry & dusty - Paid at Mr Gary's this morning, cl'k not present, \$12.29 cash in full - took a receipt of such import up to Sept 12 1828 - Paid for 1 ~~pr~~ ball fine imported shoe-thread - 12" - At J.V. Powelson's paid sixty nine cents for 1 black silk hkf for the wear and tear of S. W. Daniels - Bo't rope and iron amounting to 93 cents of Wm Brinkerhoff - At another Dry G's store paid 7/5 for 2 prs deer-skin mittens - haviig lost a pair of old ones myself - the other was for S. W. Daniels - But the last and most foolish trade of my make at this time was for an open Franklin stove. I had about given up buying - being snugly loaded with a hhd of sugar for L. Patchin - rec'd the preceding evening at Pattison & Haft's. Stepped into the factory of Talmadge & Parker with a kind of indifference in my feeling which if I had preserved it, would have ensured me an excellent bargain. After examining a number of different kinds was about to depart - but the cl'k then invited me below stairs where he produced one of just such dimensions as suited - Now said he I stump you for a trade - indeed I felt stumped - asked him to say what he would take - he asked what I would give - make a bid - I requested to know the weight of it - he replied 400 - Now make a bid - and don't bid too high for I shall take you up - say 2 or  $2\frac{1}{2}$  cts pr lb - I stood a mom't & bolted out sixteen dollars - he for appearance insisted upon 17 but soon lowered to my price - walked up stairs and paid him his money down - ordered my name to be chalked on said property & came away - but the reflections on this transaction were very painful - I had missed a golden opportunity to save five or six dollars in money - the case was so plain It was so evident that I could have bettered myself to that amount, that it plagued me constantly let me go where I would - Could blame no one - I was fairly the author of my own misery - Still I knew in reality the article was worth in reality what I had paid - no man as little acquainted as myself with the price of stoves would have hesitated to pronounce it as high if not higher than that - It was of noble size - Being Samuel Richard's large size pattern, handsomely wrought and broad enough to receive wood two feet in length - I was afterwards informed that stoves of that description had often been sold for 25 and 30 dollars - and would now command according to the usual routine of trade \$20 - They assured me I had no reason to complain.

Early this morning about half past three o'clock the cry of Fire, Fire, Fire, ran through streets of Troy - It proved to be of considerable con







sequence - but by the skill and good management of the Firemen it was soon got under - The power of their engines was wonderfully displayed in this case - and through the timely and active exertion of the people a great proportion of the movable property was saved - Two or three grocery buildings were burnt down and the tavern stand occupied by Mr Carpenter was unroofed, the building next N. of it was the greater part of it pulled down - Fortunately there was no wind - The air was remarkably calm & still - The scene of this conflagration was on the E. side Riv. Street - towards the upper end - opposite Silliman & Grant's and others - the roofs of which were often on fire but happily so soon suppressed as to occasion but little damage - the fronts were brick - but so amazingly powerful was the heat that the shutters and doors were blackened and the glass much of it broken out thereby. The engines taken from the ground about sunrise.

I forgot in the right place to mention Mr Kelly's riding with me on Monday most of the distance from Hoosack to Troy - carried him for cous. Nathan - In conversation he was quite pleasing - had been a journeyman shoemaker to Mr Childs of Bennington - his parents lived somewhere in Litchfield Co., C't - called himself about 25 years of age - bound to Poughkeepsie on the N. river. Nothing of much consequence occurred on the road returning from market - made but one halt and that at Mr Newell's - meant to have enquired there the day of the month on which the gen. training was held at the Four Corners but it slipped my memory However there is no doubt about our having hearing the drums and guns on s'd occasion as mentioned Oct. 8.

This morning was informed that by letter news had arrived of the death of wid. Rhoda Stone, eldest daughter of Abner Dewey, formerly of this town - She had lived a widow nearly 18 years, was residing in the Village of Lockport, N.Y. with her daughter Lucy at the time of her death which occurred on the 20th Sept last in the 79th year of her age Had been ill about 3 weeks, of the billious fever - was entirely resigned to her fate.

WEDNESDAY, OCT. 22 Dry, smoky and warm - assisted in gathering apples - the business was nearly compleated - the apps were in some instances considerably frost bitten. Austin Dimmick and son Sidney were making cider on shares at our press for Dr N. Swift. Was much wrought upon by the late foolish stove transaction - could turn it no shape to suit me.

THURSDAY, OCT. 23 Very pleas't and warm - resembling the days of June Dry, fine waggoning. Became this day forty years of age. Want of good common sense could be traced in many





of the transactions of my past life - It is generally presumed that when a person arrives at the age just mentioned he will be regulated in all his most important movements by the solid rules of common sense - I can assure those who form such notions of our perfection, that in me there is an unhappy exception to this theory. Business drives and I am in haste and can halt to write no longer on this subject.

Transacted business in Algiers - Saw a load of goods come in for capt. Ira Hawks from Troy - Obtained a load of oil from Colvin & Rockwood - sent for the same in the evening by Sylvanus by whom obtained an order for goods from Ed. Swift. Mr Rockwood agreed to allow me 4/0 pr bbl for transportation on acc't - Prepared for Troy.

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 24 Smoky - remarkably warm and dry - curious weather for most kinds of business - Troy was the toast, and to Troy I bent my course - Fell in company with a man from Shaftsbury carrying goods for Allen & Loomis - Baited at J. Wadsworth's - saw Mr Reed the book-keeper - Proceeded forward spiritedly and arrived in the City in good season - deliv'd 1 bbl oil to Mr Thompson at the Post Office - deliver'd the other two at G. Corning & Co's - Stabled my horses at E. D. Waters' - saw and spoke with cous. Delia - Walked among the stores in the evening - talked with my friends at the Stave Factory of Tallmadge and Parker - left them know how I felt with respect to my bargain - they said they would recant me for \$5. I told them I would give them \$1 to be off. Visited the store of T. B. Bigelow to enquire whether they would purchase pork the present season - said they should commence buying about the beginning of Dec'r - and would then drive it to all intents and purposes - and if I did not sell until that period - would be glad to buy of me.

Could obtain no goods for Swift & Son because they had not arrived Visited the water side where business appeared very lively. At E. D. Waters' found a gentleman, named Sherman, aged between 60 and 70 - a citizen of Conway, Ms. who seemed to be full of fun, as we say - said he was formerly acquainted with John Clark Sen - and his sons Daniel & John - knew all the principal heads of families in Coleraine - said they were excellent soldiers in time of the Revolutionary War - this man had the misfortune to fall through Sunderland bridge over Connecticut River with a drove of cattle and by the means lost a leg - some curious abecedotes were related by this gent. We retired in good season

SATURDAY, OCT. 25 Wind blew up strongly from the S. Saw my old friend Charles Brown this morning at a Law Office doing well and in good spirits - invited him to pay us a visit - said he would in the course of the winter. By verbal order from Ed. H. Swift got at G. Corning & Co's two pieces paper bordering. Harnessed up horses and as far as money would go paid my bill at Waters' - of 47, paid 41 cents







agreed to pay the remainder when there again - Left W's about 7 - drove to Tallmadge & Parjer's - rec'd the s'd stove - brought round to the street door where on examination it was found that one of the little rods whereon are screwed the brass balls, was broken off - Another was ordered - one of the workmen in attempting to remove the stub or part remaining - broke the plate - that is the top plate - therefore the stove had to be taken down and a new plate & ball-rods provided in their stead, which occasioned a loss of more than one hour's time to me My stove being all regularly put together - Left the City about 10 A.M.

I must mention one circumstance more connected with the history of the above article.

One of the proprietors of the factory informed that the reason why they wished to put off their big Franklin's at so low a rate was because they had a surplus quantity on hand - and therefore would get rid of them at any reasonable price offered.

Drove moderately - arrived at Snyder's just as it began to rain - travellers were there pretty numerous among whom was Joseph Case of Hoosick a very stuttering character - Mr Snyder said Mr C. was a candidate for Sheriff of Rensselaer Co. Some of the bystanders seeing my stove in the waggon asked the price - I told them to guess it - some said thirty and some forty dollars. While employed in binding my load a man of color a sai, or by occupation took hold ~~of~~ & kindly assisted in tying my rope - I thanked him gratefully.

Bo't on credit of our friend Snyder a glass of old cider - ate bread & cheese. Rec'd on board a large heavy trunk and a close stove & pipe belonging to W. Haswell Esq - Night was coming on - halted no more at any public house - got up the Potter Hill before dark - day light was not fairly gone when I came past Haynes'.

After leaving the Four Corners and before getting to Mapleton meeting house the darkness was really of a formidable kind - felt anxious - was afraid of getting out of the road and being up-set - however the moon had now through the smoke & clouds faintly begun to dispel the gloom - by the time I had reached the top of the Line Hill it was quite pleas't and agreeable driving, excepting a thin mud which injured wheeling a little.

Left at Swift's store the paper sent by doctor Corning - Ed'd said it exactly suited - reached home by half past 8 in the evening - all well - and those who saw the stove liked it. Sylvanus had gone to bed having laid up a great cider cheese for our fr'd Austin Dimmick.

On the 22d Mr G. W. Southworth commenced teach'g school in our District for six months - On the 23d inst. our friend W. S. Southworth left boarding here - owed him \$4.17 - paid down and conveyed him to his new boarding house at Capt. H. Hall's.

In my account of Sept. 15 made a mistake of 1 week too much in S's board.







SUNDAY, OCTOBER 26 Cloudy & tolerably warm - excellent graz'g season.

Was employed much in the usual way - thought much & that very unprofitably on my late foolish bargain in Troy. H. Waters & Ben Seats were here in the evening - the former I would say - the latter went home. S.W.D. went with his brother O.W. to their father's in Pownal - W. Southworth came to visit us late P.M. Our uncle C. Harwood occupied the house a part of the day. Some of our family attended Public Worshp this day.

MONDAY, OCTOBER 27 South wind - chilly & cl'dy P.M. - had been fair during the morning - commenced raining in the evening. We entered with resolution upon making cider. Mr Aus. Dimmick & Son clear out with Dr Swift's cider and their own during the day. An apple ch. of no great dimensions was thrown upon the - one load of cider carried off - to the distillery of J. Norton - amounting to 176 gallons conveyed in 4 of Rockwood's & 1 of our own casks.

In the evening drove to town, had some tinkering by Mr Chandler on our big Franklin - made attempts to sell it but failed - Visited my good friend W. Haswell who consoled me with respect to the s'd article - called it a fine one - Was afraid I had done mischief - that the trunk & stove which I brought from Mr Snyder's were not his - would let it rest until Wednesday when he should in all probability go to Troy and learn to whom it belonged. In the course of the eve'g visited Mr Demmings & Wid. Jerusha Robinson's - saw wid. Judge Fay - as I left in co. with Mr D. who had been trying to regulate stove-pipe for Mrs R. It was very dark & I ran foul of a parcel of hardheads said to have been deposited there by Capt. D. Robinson Jr - fell & bruised myself in some slight degree - marched on with Mr D., got to his shop & after being there a mom't missed my spectacles - Returned immediately onto the hill - took Mrs R's lamp - searched & found them where I met with my misfortune - thanked Mrs R. for her lamp - Saw J. Hubbell Esq who said he wanted we should lay down for him 24 lbs butter. Counter ordered in regard to 1 doz tin-pans which I had engaged Mr D. on the 20th inst to make for us - Came home about 8 in the eve'g - The big stove was unloaded & shoved into the S. room.

TUEADAY, OCTOBER 28 Had rained over night - left the air chilly - cl'dy wind N. - some muddy - Cider making continued - 148 gallons cider transported to J. Norton's Distillery by S.W. Daniels in 1 hhd & a large bbl. In the early part of the eve'g visited the "Hill" - Mr G. W. Southworth in Co. Heard Judge Stephen Robinson & Col Merrill say a few words on politics - They seemed to wonder a little at the want of interest that I manifest in regard to those concerns. Marched to W. Haswell's to see him respecting those articles above mentioned - He was extremely handsome with me in the business - took charge of them himself assuring me that I should be troubled no more on that account - he would see everything rightly done about them - At L. Patchin & Co's took up goods on teaming acc't amounting to \$1.00 - the remaind'r \$1.50 rec'd in a due bill - Returned home - Stove & trunk left in D. Clark's lower ground floor.







WEDNESDAY, OCT. 29 Rather cold in the forepart of the day but P.M. less cl'dy & became more milder than it had been. The business of making cider still engaged us. Cider was conveyed to J. Norton's Distillery by our boy Sylvanus in 5 casks, containing altogether 176 gals & to Major Luman's house a hhd holding 117 galls for his own private use - See Oct. 14 - Our good friend J. Harwood came on to making shoes again, we were greatly rejoiced to see him. Mrs S Harwood finished making soap - The Vt Gazette came out rapidly on Tuesday with a full charge of blackguardism in reply to the "Journal of the Times" - our new Administration paper - which by the way began the War unprovokedly.

THURSDAY, OCT. 30 Frosty in the morning - wind S. chilly - much the same as to business as above. T. Kent worked a little for us. I rivetted & put on an iron hoop to an old cid. bbl for him T.K. rec'd a pr of real first rate coarse shoes towards work in haying, price \$1.75 Mrs Duncan was bro't here by my lady from her residence on Staunton Hill to do a job at tailoring for us - Sylvanus attended an app. paring in that quarter - was from home until an early hour next morning. Sixty two lbs butter first quality was deliv'd by Sylvanus this P.M. to capt. D. Robinson Jun Diadamia waited upon several ladies from the residence of capt E. Waters to that of Samuel Scott Esq - after their visit was ended Mrs A. Waters came down to visit us.

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 31 Handsome weather, I mean for business for it was cl'dy & rain was expected - I say such continued to favor us. Making cider not yet finished - business carried me into town on "shanks-mare" - Mr Fuller - my cooper - called for his pay - borrowed the money of E.H. Swift \$6., must be returned by Tuesday - felt concerned as to getting it by that time - they were going to N.York - but have it I must - paid it over to Mr F. in full - he passed it over to Mr Kinsly This business was transacted at J. Hicks' Jun's - here saw and very familiarly discoursed on keeping cows & sheep with our friend E. Carpenter Went to the Post O. - heard the praises of Jackson from the mouth of Col M. Comins down street, after having endeavored to borrow of Lyman Robinson saw capt. D. Robinson Jr who manfully paid toward butter \$7.00 leaving due \$3.33 - never was I so pleased to get a sum of so small amount because as the times were was afraid of not being able to procure it in season - The capt. engaged his butter for another year. At T. Hendryx's had a pair of wool'n pantaloons cut out on er't - he engaged of me a pot of butter, say about 30 lbs.

This morning a young smart looking man from Dorset, named James L. Hodge called upon us and informed that he was requested by Hiram Wallace of Litchfield, Conn to take his dog "LaFayette" to him - so he managed to make him fast by the neck to the hind part of his sulky and cleared with him for Litchfield. This animal had lived with us ever since some time in April last - was more than mid size - very good natured in the family - jealous of strangers, lazy & would implicitly obey no one excepting S. W. Daniels.







SATURDAY, NOV'R 1 Very mild for the season - cloudy- wind S. rained in the evening. Completed making cider - assisted some by T.Kent - Had hay-knife repaired at Chandler & Son's - Sold them 2 bbls cider at 75 cents on acc't - 1 load, 174 gall's was carried to J Nort's Distillery and Colvin & Rocwood's casks containing 143 conveyed full of cider by S.W.D. to them - at \$1 pr cask or about 7/0 Y'k for 32 g's. In the evening Sally & Adeline accomp'd by G.W. Southworth and Daniels attended a Methodist Religious Conference meeting at our S. school house. Our ladies rec'd company P.M. - Mrs P. Waters & 2 daughters - Caroline & Delia. Mrs Duncan left P.M. for home in Pow'l. J. Harwood went home at night.

SUNDAY, NOV'R 2 Gloomy, rainy in a slight degree, wind high, or rather it was mainly S.E. Long short day spent in looking over papers & books - after having first written out what occurred the past week so far as it related to business & convenience - Didn't even spare time for shaving - tho't I'd omit it until another day - having performed the unpleas't task no longer ago than on Friday - Our friend W.S. Southworth came to visit us - his school was in full operation - rather unpleas't - Jacksonism seemed to be crowing.

MONDAY, NOV. 3 Warm and mild like spring, wind & cl'ds from the E. according accomp'd with frequent short showers of rain - not much rain P.M. - got in three bbls of cider from the press which leads me to sum up how much we had made the present season. Sold and carried to the Distillery 31 bbls and 9 gall's - kept at home, say  $21\frac{1}{2}$  bbls - making a total of 52 bbls 27 G's. The ladies boiled cider and commenced making apple sauce - 20 green cheeses were bro't in from the cheese room - some of them nearly melted down afterwards by the intensity of heat raised in consequence of boiling cider. Made a journey with horses & wagg. into town - Bo't of F.B. & Co 25" worth powder and shot for S. W. Daniels abd 5 do salt petre on acc't - Met W. Haswell - enquired of him respecting the goods I bro't from Snyder's - had found out nothing more on the subject - Saw Mr Lyon of Woodford - Spoke with him concerning what was due him for lumber - told him that between this date and Dec'r 20th he should receive his pay - he said he wanted it bad enough but could wait until then. Drove up the Hill - enquired for Montague - could hear nothing of him - conversed awhile with friend H.H. Fassett who gave me a short history of D. Robinson Jun's economy about his well - which he would not keep in repair so as to be fit for use for fear of expense. Entered the P. Office only for a mom't - then drove on for Montague's - Met Montague seated in a pretty good looking one horse wagg. beside a smart old gent. this side his house to whom he introduced me as his uncle Elijah Montague - on their way to our house. Told M. I wanted







two hund. bricks and 1 bhl lime - which by his direction I procured at the new Bank house. Saw H. Waters who had just paid over a sum of money to one of his journeymen, Mr Newton. Beyond Bliss' rec'd from W.S. Southworth the 2d Vol. of Hume's Hist. of Eng. the property of Dr N. Swift - borrowed for the use of his brother G.W. who was boarding at our house.

Got home in season to converse a few moments with our friend Erastus & his uncle.

The evening which was very warm for the season all hands of the family, excepting mother, improved in paring & cutting app's for sauce besides churning a quantity of butter.

TUESDAY, NOV'R 4 Very rainy, unusually warm, rather dark, wind seemed to be mainly S. bearing E. The very last gallon of our cider such as we desired to save was bro't from the press & casked for use - making out just about 53 bbls for the pres. season, of which had on hand full 21. Corn in the ear was conveyed to the barn from the house and several bbls threshed out ready for the mill. T. Kent had h. & wagg. to go to Smith's. Our ladies employed themselves very industriously at making app. sauce. Mr Southworth our faithful school teacher left boarding here to go to friend Manchester's - calculating to board all round the Dist.

WEDNESDAY, NOV'R 5 Wind W. cldy - Some few showers of rain - Streams were swollen in some degree by our late rains. Prepared to go to Walbridge's mill with 13 bbls corn, 2 of rye - 2 do corn for Tho's Kent - Started off in the great wagg. Saw P. Smith near F.B. & Co's store with whom exchanged a few words concerning our School and teacher, appeared to agree with me that both were doing well. Made a short call at uncle Sam Robinson's - aunt S. enquired when the girls were coming there &c. Deposited grist at the mill - Saw young Stebb. W who wanted to know if I had sold my cheese & at what price? On my informing him according to his wish, he thought it was low. I told him I supposed it was the highest we could obtain - Drove forward to Mr Fuller's - asked him what quantity of hemlock boards Mr Vail had - he said a few feet over 120. Proceeded onward toward Mr Gales' - saw Joel Rice driving a sow of fine size and figure - and 2 pigs 2 or 3 months old - bo't by Steb. D. Walbridge 7 miles this side Lansingburgh of a Mr Cook to whom he paid \$20. - tho't this an elegant specimen of swinish beauty and supposed if she had been butchered that day she would have weighed not much short of 400 lbs. Arrived at the residence of capt. L. Sherwood past noon - Requested by Mrs S., dined in a kind of odd way such as is peculiar to the character of a blundering race to which I belong. Visited the captain in his corn field where himself and sons were employed in husking corn on the hill - Walked into an adjoining pasture to view a parcel - say 47 fine ewes of excellent quality and blood - spent more time than at first expected to in conversation O agreed to have him make sale of 4 fat







hogs for us if he should not hear from me before the day of sale - Came home by Harmon's & Vail's - saw Mr Kelley husking corn who said they did not sell their whole dairy to Mr Brayton - only about 6000 lbs & rec'd towards it \$300 for which had, like all those to whom he paid down to allow interest until the time at which he would pay over the sum in full. Halted at Mr V's - rained some while here - Discoursed with Mr V on different subjects - he was engaged at his ciderpress - accomp'd him to his house - he let me taste of some cheese to show what the character of his dairy was - pronounced it good and handsome - he said such was the kind which he sold to Mr Brayton. Agreed to pay me, on Tuesday next for the butter engaged to him, on delivery, the cash down. Stopped in the Street at Col Norton's shop - conversed with the col. about a little acc't of Mr Ayres' in my possession - found him and uncle Ayres at variance in their statements - left it for them to settle between themselves should they ever again meet - S.H. Brown rode down to his house with me - had just returned from N.Y. City where he had purchased a fine stock of goods - cheaper he presumed than by any other merchant in Bennington - I told of my faults in the trading way - particularly that bright example of it exhibited on the morning of Oct. 21st which yet preyed upon my mind - in a slight degree. Got home after dark. Father & Sylvanus had employed themselves in repairing our lane road - above & below the house - Capt Sherwood informed me that his son Lyman had removed his lady, child & effects, all in fine style.

THURSDAY, NOV'R 6 Mild after the storm, cold not burdensome - Removed back to the cheese room 15 of those cheeses mentioned on the 3d inst. Sylvanus conveyed in the large wagg. our teacher who had undergone many hours of severe pain from aching teeth, and children to school - proceeded up to a farm of Dr H. Swift - perhaps that of E. ~~X~~ Robinson, procured a quantity of sand & returned home. The 1 h. wagg. bottom was laid new by S.W.D. & me - Father went to salt the cows - found one that had been injured by being hooked - bro't her home - rode off to bring grist from Walbridge's & get the advice & assistance of Dr Sam - He came accordingly, examined & pronounced the case not a bad one, but still thinking it hazardous to attempt keeping her - considered it most prudent to dispose of her to the butchers - agreed to inform Farwell & Seeley of it - supposed they would come down this evening or early in the morning. Sylvanus went to MajL. Norton's & borrowed a parcel of N.Y. Spectators for me - they seemed to betray no fear of Ohio at all The Administration party would carry it - Rained some this day as well as on preceding days this week.

FRIDAY, NOV'R 7 Cloudy, rainy some P.M. unpleas't S. wind. S. Robinson Sr performed a piece of masonry for us this day in closing up the old fireplace in the S. room with a view to cause our new Franklin to draw smoke - he also fitted a sort of bandage on the body of the red-star cow for her particular benefit. Besides the hand I had in these operations had 3 lbs stove put to the back plate of our Franklin - cost 56 cts - due me before 25" for cheese - leaving me in debt 31" - He offered to sell me his cow for \$25 or rather said he should ask that price for her - S.H. Brown wanted the first chance to trade







Mr D. had just completed a long tin can spout for the Bank House & the measure of two more was given him to be executed shortly. Sylvanus went on a hunting excursion this day - strolled off to Pownal meeting house - saw on his return our old friend E. Carpenter with whom talked respecting his cows which he proposed shortly to sell - he must have for them \$16. or \$17. Cousins Polly & Emily Robinson rode from our house in a chaise this P.M. having paid us a friendly vis. - the health of the former improv'g. Mr Searles had finished making 13 bbl cider for himself & deac. E. Safford - exacted of him 21 gs cider for his part of the use of the mill & press which he said should be put to our credit at the Distillery of J. Norton. Mark Morrison entered upon making cider for capt. Hicks' at shares.

SAGURDAY, NOV'R 8 Very rainy indeed until about noon, remainder of the day cloudy & unpleas't, high chill wind N.W. at night - calm & clear in the eve'g. Too wet for doing business on the farm - some regulations were made at the barn - L'd of wood drawn for Mr Ayres P.M. for which rec'd in payment, say 4 bhls refuse turnips. Also rec'd this morning from the old gentleman \$3. in money - made a partial settle settlement - my bill, chiefly for drawing wood, amounted to \$4.54 - credited him in various ways \$2.41 - but on the order upon col Norton 95, there seemed some uncertainty - 62 $\frac{1}{2}$ " being all the col. tho't due thereon, so that in reality his cr. would am't only \$2.09 leaving a balance, before the receipt of the money, in my favor, of \$2.45 Was very glad to get the money which bro't me in debt 55 cents or if Mr A. makes good the order as credited, say 95 cents. Our friend Mr J. Harwood resumed his seat here on Friday late in the morning - kept it until late this evening. Sylvanus & Adeline attended a Methodist Conference at our S. school house this evening at which B. Ayres & his sister Adeline were present - both had something to offer.

SUNDAY, NOV'R 9 Never more fair & pleas't - w'd N. - Pushed the quill - Perused N.Y. papers - felt anxious for the re-election of J. Q. Adams. Father attended Divine Service accomp'd by G. W. Southworth - Spent the evening at Maj L. Norton's assisted him & his son in husking the remnant of their corn at the heap under under the corn house - Retired to the house - conversed on politics and various other subjects - ate app's, drank cider, played a few tunes on an instrument of the flute kind but little larger than a common fife. My daughter A. went to the Majors with me. Mrs N's eyes were getting well slowly. Past 9 came away accomp'd by young A. S.W.D. visited his father's in Pown'l - assisted in skinning an ox which had to be killed because he was choked with an apple - belonged to Ben Stevens - but ~~wk~~ with his mate had been let to Mr Daniels for one year from last spring. H.W. appeared here this evening - Engaged two thousand of shingles of us - were bo't of C. Harwood - summer of 1827







MONDAY, NOV. 10      The S. wind blew very fresh & strong - Nine l'ds of manure were conveyed into the field W. & N.W. of the barn, scraped out of the milking yard. Mark Morrison finished making cider for himself & Capt Hicks - 14 bbls - the use of the cider mill amounted to \$1 17, half of which M. agreed to pay - would forward the money to his father-in-law on a future day - was going to receive not long hence \$30. from the Furnace Co - capt. H. to account for the remainder. Norm Eldred came on hasty business with S.W.D. Mr J. Harw'd once more resumed his seat here. Early this evening by paying \$1.76" money to Emerson Gleason, giving up an old acc't on which was due \$3., & letting him Patchin & Co's due-bill for \$1.50, balanced all accounts between me and the Gleasons excepting the use of horse from Bennington to Shaftsbury pr Ebenezer. Adeline Rogers came up from Algiers to visit our Hopkins - they were as busy & noisy as bees in the evening.

TUESDAY, NOV'R 11      Cloudy, smoky - rainy in the evening - very mild - Employed ourselves most of the day getting out manure from the same yard as above. Heard reports of heavy artillery in the direction of Albany, supposed them to be Jackson guns. Late P.M. attended the election of Presidential Electors - Adams ticket headed by Jonas Galusha was carried here by a large majority - Jackson ticket rec'd 116 votes - It appeared gloomy to witness the distraction of the Democratic Party in this town - was almost afraid to enquire of my old friends which ticket they supported - felt much rejoiced to find S. Fay Sr in favor of the present administration - he said gen. J. was a good Gen'l and he chose to let him remain so. Now for business - deliv'd to H. Waters at the Bank for Raymond's barn 2 thous'd shingles at 11/0. also to V.D. McEwen 24 tol 23 oz butter, rec'd pay in full \$4.12½ - Rec'd \$3. from capt D. Robinson jr tow'd butter, leaving 33" due - Paid over to J. Armstrong in trust for Marg't Wiltsey - being her pay in full \$7.37½ - Carried to Mr Vail 45 lbs 13 oz butter - rec'd pay \$7.63 and for 290 ft hemlock half inch boards - rec'd in full \$1.45 - in all \$9.08 Conversed pleasantly with Mr V. & lady - considered the latter very agreeable - about sunset came away from Mr V's - halted at Childs' - bo't on credit 1 ball coarse thread - and got added to my account there 15 cents for J. Harwood agreeably to his request. At the store of F.B. & Co bo't for S.W.D. cravat siff'r on acc't price 17" - Neighbor Manchester being there agreed with me to convey him home - he bo't a few lbs flour which they said was now selling in Troy at \$10 pr bbl. Befor visiting Mr V's capt. M. S. Norton presented me a paper to sign for the support of a singing school - answered that I could not then attend to it - would surely not fail them - E. Montague was called upon too - told them he would sign as much as I would - afterwards came to me to know how much I should put down - at first I said \$1 - 0 no said he - that is too much - say fifty cents. I told him to sign what he pleased - I could not attend to it then - he was fierce to get me up to sign - finally to please him named 50" as the probable am't & left him. Mr J. Harwood went with us to the poll - & then went home.







WEDNESDAY, NOV. 12 In every respect like winter. Snow had fallen some during night and it continued falling until some-time in the day, but the depth was inconsiderable - the ground was totally cov'd. Sylvanus conveyed children to school - afterward accomp'd me up Street. Offered Mr Demming 14 lbs May cheese cut by us this morning, he did not wish to take it at this time - therefore kept it with me. Borrowed of E.H.Swift \$3. - rode on to the Hill - called at J.E.Robinson's - offered the cheese to him - his family being small did not wish for so much at a time - D.McClure being present they talked about buying it together - mentioned the low price of butter & cheese at Troy & N. York - could not give me my price 7" - if they took it must be at 6" pr lb - D. M. tasted and liked it - agreed with col J. to purchase at 6" - so I let them have it, assuring them at the same time I should sell no more in small quantities at that price - or something to that purpose - rec'd pay 84 cts - Marched to V. D. McEowen's - counted out \$15 and sent the same by S. W. Daniels to Mr Vail with instructions to have him pay it to O. & A. Arnold, Troy, whence he would go shortly - Didn't owe them quite that sum - meant to have Mr V. take up my note there.

Waited for the return of Sylvanus in the bar-room at McEowen's - gentlemen present most of the time were - D. Robinson Jun'r, O. C. Merrill, S. Dewey, Mr Isham, D. Clark, Henry Harwood, W. Haswell, H. H. Fassett, G. Caldwell, J. S. & Nath'l L. Robinson and others - Heard a warm conversation maintained between Stephen Dewey & Col. Merrill concerning Adams & Jackson - they got greatly at variance - the former swore eternal hatred to Jackson and his party - No Jackson man should ever go to the Assembly, if he could prevent it, from this town - Much was said but I have not time if my memory would permit to take a sketch of the tenth part. S.W. returned - we bo't at L.Patchin & Co's and paid 1/0 for an axe helve and came home. Stabled our cows, as many as we could, this night. S.W.D. sold to Hicks this evening 7 fowls and rec'd in full \$1.00

THURSDAY, NOV'R 13 Appeared like winter, but at the same time would pass for a tolerably pleas't day. Continued carting manure as heretofore. Mr J. Harwood left us after having completed an \$8.07 job at shoe making - This evening sent pr Sylvanus to U. M. Robinson 31½ lbs butter for which he paid in full \$5.25 - out of which E. H. Swift and was paid what was borrowed of him on the 12th inst. Stabled cows again.

FRIDAY, NOV'R 14 Our winter continued - cl'dy in some measure - but on the whole must be set down as pleas't - Continued business as above - Le loads crowned the labors of this day - must mention reports of more heavy Jackson artillery at the S. W. - S. Dimmick came to pay us a visit on Thursday about noon - Thursday morning the Dog LaFayette returned to us with inexpressible joy - See Oct 31st -







SATURDAY, NOV'R 15 Cloudy, some chilly. Snow not much diminished. Continued the aforesaid business making up the number of loads including hog manure, drawn out the present season - to 70. An ancient ewe, so blind that she could scarcely see at all was this day butchered - See Aug. 19 - No good news for J.Q. Adams - Jackson must prevail - Forgot to mention our friend Mr Hand's staying here all n't, went away this m'g.

SUNDAY, NOV'R 16 In the main pleasant, rather cold. For various reasons no went to Church from this house. Lydia was under the absolute necessity of working-over butter. Writing employed me in full. H.W. appeared not as usual at the close of the day.

MONDAY, NOV'R 17 Cloudy, chilly, rough, some frozen - unpleas't. Pursued the business of Saturday - added 11 lds more Read the Trial of Seth Hunt at N.Y. City for a Libel on Jona. Russell - decided against the former - Made this my business in the evening.

TUESDAY, NOV'R 18 Fine day indeed, wd N., freezing cold at night. Sylvanus with sled & team of 4 drew a l'd of wood for Mr Ayres from the woods of Sam'l H. Brown above the Indian Field - broke the old roll & fixed in another made of white oak - Lost the cart pin but it was afterwards found by Mr A. on a subsequent day. P.M. 1 lds manure were conveyed into the field afores'd & a 7th carried to the S.p't of the S. meadow along the left branch of the Upp. Brook

WEDNESDAY, NOV. 19 Snow drivingly from S.W. a few hours, changed to rain afterwards - wind continued very high & unpleas't until late in the evening - rain ceased 2 or 3 Past noon - Air became more mild - Marched to town on business - went to Brook's to carry a plaid cloak & tailors goose for Diadamia. Visited the house of Mr V.D. Speigle to see Mr Brooks whom we wanted to engage to butcher a beef creature - found him there - circumstances were such that he could not come until next day. Mr V. had this morning butchered 3 fst hogs, assisted by Mr B. and young Mr Rider. Mrs V. assisted by Mrs Woodbeck (colored) seemed to be busy about the entrails - at any rate the latter was so employed. Mr V. and lady differed some respecting a statement the former made of a quantity of milk drawn daily from his cows -

Isaac Ripley appeared to be in V's service - Went to Swift & Sons. Heard Mr Denning relate what he had seen at the S. Armory among the slave-holders of N. Carolina. Walked up the hill to the P.O. Merrill, Clark, J.S. Robinson & others present - Much said in Jackson's praise - At Mc Eowens found uncle S. Robinson making settlement with J. Whiting, or rather they were talking of making one on a future day - Saw G. Caldwell, Gen. Weeks & others - Immediately pressed uncle Sam into our service - Accompanied me on foot toward home - I halted at S.H.B's to borrow a butcher knife - suffered myself to be delayed by our friend S.H. B. looking at his new hog pen - and talking of cows &c. At home business seemed to go hard - father felt strongly opposed to butchering at so late an hour - Sylvanus was gone after the children at school - waited his return - soon after which it was resolved to







butcher the young and innocent wen heifer - and said job was executed in handsome style - but in uncomfortable circumstances - Did not exactly ascertain the weight - would say Lbs 500 - of which about 70 lbs hide & over 30 were tallow - Full weight of hide was 76 lbs, but supposed we should have to throw off some on account of Wen - The business was accomplished before 9 in the evening.

THURSDAY, NOV'R 20 Rained almost all day from the S., unpleas't to a great degree - No business of mom't going on - assisted in altering the N. horse stable, so as to accommodate in bowing up cows. Sylvanus sold to J. Hicks Jun 7 dressed fowls for \$1 in money - returned late in the evening with uncle S. Robinson who tarried all night.

FRIDAY, NOV'R 21 Cloudy, very unpleasant, wind N. or rather more W. Late in the day a faint prospect offered of better weather. Assisted in cutting or sawing up (pork) beef, only held on for the good man to saw. P.M. rode to town & conveyed uncle S. to W. Haswell - visited capt. L. Sherwood's - enquired respecting pork - learned nothing new - had not made any contract - therefore I was at liberty to dispose of mine - supped at the capt's - Saw Mrs Sweet his eldest daughter - Lorenzo & Luman were engaged in buying up turkies, ducks, & fowls on which to speculate in the Troy market. In the evening on my way home called at Mr Vails' & rec'd my note from O. & A. Arnolds' on which he had paid \$14.91 - handed me 9 cts change and charged no fee. Solicited me to fill a cask for a gentleman T. containing space about for 100 lbs, but declined on account of previous engagements - Saw a young man making or mending shoes. At W. Haswell's engaged to sell 4 hogs at \$5 pr hund - spoke of making a deduction of 2 lbs pr hund which was rather against my inclination - he urged the custom among buyers - I told him I had never done it here - however was willing to do fairly - so he left it to uncle Sam'l & myself to saw how it should be. He would not weigh after me and was willing to confide in the accuracy of Fay & Brown's Fat. Balances - To be paid down - Got home by bright moonlight ere 9 o'clock.

SATURDAY, NOV'R 22 Early it was calm - appeared spring like - however it was cloudy, threaten'g - before 12 on the mountains began to storm - P.M. settled down to a serious south-easter round snow, hail & rain with now and then a heavy gust of wind - In the morning admitted the cows into the summer pasture - repaired fence against the rye - bro't home our flock and turned the buck among them P.M. finished our cider mill shantee for the winter - took up the cider press which with the nuts were safely deposited under cover. Sylvanus helped T. Kent chop & pick up wood in the Street lot - came home before night.







Sunday, NOV'R 23 Continued snowing until nearly noon, after which remained through the day cloudy & chilly - w'd N.W. So unpleas't that no one ventured out so far as the Sanctuary this day. Cous. N.L. Robinson in his 2 h. wagg. came down from church & paid a visit here. Neighbor S.H. Brown paid us a very friendly visit in the evening. Sometime about midday Diadama arrived from Mr Brooks'. H.W. out of health.

MONDAY, NOV'R 24 Frozen a little in the morn'g - soon thawed up soft - very unpleasant getting about - Cloudy - Sylvanus was employed in the service of T. Kent in the Street Lot woods. Made it my chief occupation to wait upon Mrs Ayres to the Furnace where she disposed of garden sauce to deac. Winslow and rec'd her pay in part at the store of the company - Viewed the works and soon came away - Previous to going there sold to Mr Volentine Lbs 103 cheese on acc't - to U.M. Robinson 53-3/4 lbs of cheese with a proviso that if one of the 2 which he rec'd being pretty hard & solid should turn out not to suit their taste - I would take it back and supply them with another. Mr V's consisted of 3 - two made in May - the other in Sept. U.M. paid me cash down at 7" pr cwt - Sold B. Squires 70 lbs hide for which he engaged to pay cash in a day or two - Rec'd a roll of cloth lately dressed at Volentine's - shewed a bill of \$2.68 for dressing - which however did not include all. Delivered to J. Harwood 1 cheese weighing 29<sup>3</sup>/<sub>4</sub> lbs towards shoemaking - capped my boots for 20 cts ready pay. For Mrs A. took in a beds'td at Wid. Olins - Bo't at Dr Swift's 3 lbs cut nails at 9" - Got home after dark.

TUESDAY, NOV'R 25 Chilly, cldy, extremely unpleas't, w'd N.W. Ought to say a word or two respecting the storm on Saturday night - many rail and board fences were laid prostrate - Snow & hail amounted to no great quantity. Sylvanus & T. Kent chopped together - I think in our employ'm't. Waited upon Diadama to Mr Hall's - Left Mrs A. Waters at her dear brother's in law's - Drove to Algiers & got horses shod at H. Norton's - price \$1.30 - Saw J. B. Norton in his store - Sydney McEwen clerk - Had some conversation with James Hubbell on various topics - borrowed an old magazine published in 1812 chiefly devoted to Theological Subjects.

After my horses were shod rode up by the old uncle Henry Walbridge place - took in Simeon Harwood beyond his house - called upon our friend H. Dimmick and agreed with him to assist us at butchering on Thursday next early in the day - Returned home by way of the old Fuller house - made a short halt at the school house - school not out - drove on to L Norton's - borrowed papers - school children arrived & I took them in and landed all safe home. Must not omit mentioning that I called at wid. Norton's to get one of Luman's papers - Saw Mrs L. Hills, Mrs J.B Norton &c. Very bad wagg.

WEDNESDAY, NOV'R 26 Tolerably pleas't - snow pretty plentiful in the pastures. Made ready for butchering. S.W.D. & T. Kent chopped for us in woods. Evening sent to Hubb. 24 lbs butter - to T. Hendryx, 34 do.







THURSDAY, NOV'R 27 South w'd, cl'ds, hail & round snow render'd the weather, especially the latter part of the day, truly unpleas't . Our gentlemen butchers arrived at a late hour. Once they began, the business was vigorously pursued. Brought the operation to a close by about dark. Sent 4 good hogs to friend H. in the evening, were weighed and their bill was thus, 303 lb, 320 do, 341 & 268 - total 1231 lbs - let the other 5 lay over night - those whp assisted were Sam'l Robinson, N. Farwell & H. Dimmick. T. Kent bro't over his pig to join in the mess & assisted.

FRIDAY, NOV'R 28 Dark, rainy, foggy, very muddy indeed. Weighed off the remainder of the pork. those kept for our own consumption weighed thus - 315, 282, 252 lbs - total 849 - for Mr Andrews 290 - U.M. Robinson 352 lbs , do 642, the two last carried off this morning to the residence of said gentlemen. U.M. furnished me with a draft- 1331 - Lbs 2822 on Sam'l C. Raymond who promptly paid it - amounting to 17 D's 60 cts - Called upon D. Clark & purchased a Testament for 38 cts endorsed on a note of Jan. 1827 - which I held against him - Walked over to W. Haswell's - saw uncle Sam. assisted by A.J. Haswell cutting up pork - Isaac Robinson came in - likewise Page Haynes - Some time having elapsed Mr H. got time to attend to my business - Counted over his money and as he handed it me began to insist on the 2 lbs deduction on the hd but finding me quite unwilling to comply finally reconciled the matter quite pleasantly by saying, after getting to within 5 cys of my demand, that I should never call upon him for compensation for transportation of trunk & stove from Snyder's as described October 21st - so we parted on fair terms - Money rec'd amounted to \$66.50 - Drove home accomp'd by Mr G. Robinson who complained bitterly of the slanderous reports that were in circulation respecting some members of his family.

SATURDAY, NOV'R 29 Cloudy, very unpleas't - wind W. No storm. Marched over to distribute money - Visited the Furnace - just before arriving there fell in company with Steelyard Granger who in the course of conversation mentioned his age - saying if he should live until Feb'y 1829 he should be 69 years of age - I left an acc't by which it appeared that I was indebted to E. Lyon \$13.89 - enclosed \$14. therein, in the care of a young clerk at the store in presence of Mr Granger, for Mr Lyon - Mentioning that if Mr L. required more by way of interest he must see me another day - Saw capt. Abell busy about some thing at the old warehouse - Came away again and once more had the ~~plea~~ pleasure of being with Mr Steel rod - s'd he came to Bennington in 1782





At Mr J. Harwood's made a very pleas't settle'm't of acc'ts which commenced in May 1826 and amounted to \$43.38, including James' bill likewise - Balanced the whole by paying over in full \$9.50 - Harry Sage, youngest of the children of the late Moses Sage, formerly of this town, was there to get some work performed in H's line - Next settled by my books with S. Rovkwood, to whom owed \$44.17 which was paid in full, it being to balance an acc't for oil meal & cash for flaxseed amounting to \$36.07 - took a receipt in full - the business was transacted in the oil mill - Young Rockwood was present at our settlement - Marched forward to Harry Norton's - made settlement which applied to an acc't that amounted commenced in Sept. or Oct'r 1827 - amounting to \$6.96 - balanced by paying \$3.07. Afterwards visited the store of J. & J.B.Norton - paid up store account of \$1.79 - then made a settlement by my book, subject to a revision hereafter, of accounts with J. B. Norton - Peck & Norton - \$111.59 - balanced by paying \$5.66

Capt A. Rice came there to enquire whether they bo't pork, and on what terms ? Mr J. B. informed him that their general practice was to pay the Troy prices at six months without interest as a set off against transportation - to accommodate would advance a few dollars in January. Capt. R. made no contract - had his little boy with him - I rode up in to the Street with this gentleman - got him to agree to engage young Joel (Rice) Thomas to sell me 50 bushels Ind. Corn at 50 cts pr bushel he thought the contract would be very readily entered into.

At F. Blackmer & Co's settled an account which commenced Jan 4 1828 amounting to \$10.82 - balanced by paying the same in money - took a receipt therefor - Old Mr Chandler was present - also James Hubbell who requested me to give him credit fifty cents towards butter - and charge the same to A. Norton - the same having been agreed to by them previously.

Paid my respects to the store of Dr S. & Son - afterwards visited him (the Dr) in his house - Conversed on money concerns - asked to be excused from paying much over the interest on sums due him - he did not come to any positive conclusion on the subject - neither would he encourage me in the hope of hiring \$200 on or about the first of March ensuing - Offered if he should visit Boston next season to endeavor to procure a much higher and better sale for our cheese the ensuing year. His offer was spontaneous - therefore I gratefully accepted it - went into the store with the Doctor - several persons present - selected and purchased a p'r of spectacles, steel springs, paid fifty cents without case and returned home through mud & darkness. Lost a p'r of spectacle on the evening of the 27th which were bo't in Troy Nov., 23, 1826.

At home talked over the doings of the day. Forty two lbs butter was this evening deliv'd to V.D.McEwen by S. W. Daniels - returned with Diadamia from Capt. H. Hall's







SUNDAY, NOV'R 30 Low foggy clouds from which descended during most of the A.M. fine light April snow - the sun came out between 12 & 2 o'clock - P.M. grew some colder, snowed round snow - B. Harwood, D. Harwood. S.W. Daniels & G.W. Southworth went to meeting. My business was as usual. H.W. came here and talked with us on a project we had set on foot for building a hog pen - made out a calculation of the quantity of lumber required for its construction - engaged to get Jed. Dewey to deliver to our house planks of hemlock  $2\frac{1}{2}$  inches thick to contain 1000 feet board measure at  $5\frac{1}{2}$  dollars pr M.

LaFayette returned from church badly wounded in an affray with the dog of S. H. Brown in the midst of singing service - The 2 combatants were immediately parted - and forcibly hurried out of the house, having by their yells, growls & savage encounter gained the attention of the whole congregation - even the Rev'd himself interfered and gave some wholesome advice on the occasion to the masters of dogs  $\phi$  - exhorting them to leave those animals at home.

MONDAY, DEC'R 1 Mountains capped with snow - ground slightly frozen the morning clouds having passed away was pleasant P.M. - chilly all day - wind N. Started off for Sage City to carry rye & corn to the grist mill at that village to get ground for thanksgiving Went by Walbridge's - left corn at their mill - took in  $1\frac{1}{2}$  bbls corn for Mr Story to be left at Allen & Loomis' - At Mr Hinsdale's blacksmith shop saw & spoke with capt. L. Sherwood - Being arrived at the City could get no grinding - deposited Mr S's corn as directed - Drove to Mc Wain's - this side the old Matthews house - had grist ground in good order - good accommodations - horses were under a comfortable shed - a boom in the mill well warmed by a stove - Saw some Jackson papers .

A Mr Martin from the main road not far from the bounds of Arlington came to get grinding - believe he obtained none - talked with him about buying cows &c.

This mill was under the care of our good cousin Seneca Stone whom I earnestly invited to come and pay us a visit - s'd he would.

On my return home called and made settlement with Mr F. Childs, to whom was due \$7.82 - paid 82 cts and had a correct understanding between him & Mr McEwen that the latter should pay the remainder which he owed us for 42 lbs butter.

Arrived here at just after dark, first having called at Dr S's store & bo't 1 lb tea and had the doctor's word that I might have 50 bbl Ind. corn at 50 cts pr bbl.

Father & Sylvanus assisted by T. Kent worked in the woods - chiefly at chopping - some wood was drawn out of bad places ready for transportation to the house. Young J. Thomas came to see me about the corn contract about to be entered into, but I was from home.







TUESDAY, DEC'R 2 Harsh weather, cldy, wd S. warmer tow'd night.

March'd early to Mr Joel Thomas' - took the new road a part of the way - Saw Mr T. & his son - they were prepatng to butcher. Soon closed my contract for 50 bbls corn at 50 cts pr bbl - half to be deliv'd here on Saturday the 6th inst - the other to be deliv'd at A. Rice's in Feb'y or March - all the money to be paid before 1st Jan'y 1829. Coming home called at D. Clark's. Bo't 1 qr writing paper on cr. Saw Col Merrill - asked him something concerning our old business - he intimated that he had not forgotten me and would do the best he could. At T. Henryx's made a settlement of accounts in full - charges for cutting & spongeing commencing Jan 14, 1822 for S.W. Daniels, \$2.01 - whole amounted to \$3.25. On our part for 34 $\frac{1}{4}$  butter, \$5.67 - Cheese 24 $\frac{3}{4}$  lbs \$2.06 - total \$7.73 - leaving due me \$4.47

Next settl'd with Chandler & Son - account for blacksmith'g since Nov. 29th 1827 - \$8.43 - On my side for team work, brandy & 2 bbls cider, \$5.25 - Balanced by note \$3.18 - On examining my blacksmith bills found that our horse-shoeing amounted to \$10.11 during the last 12 months.

P.M. made settlem't with A. Norton - whose bill amounted to \$4.06 against which bro't an arrearage on note \$1.19 and 50 cts added paid by J. Hubbell - \$1.69 which subtracted from the acc't left due him \$2.37 - paid 12 cts and agreed to pay the balance in butter at 1/0 pr lb. - 5 $\frac{1}{4}$  lbs of which was paid over before evening. Went to Volentines but got no cloth - it was not finished. H. Stiles supped with us

WEDNESDAY (N) Dec. 3 Mild open weather - cattle could live well on grass - no stabling necessary - Worked in the ~~wood~~ woods getting down oak wood - T. Kent in our service.

THURSDAY, DEC'R 4 Wind high, W. & N.W. - cloudy. Father, Sylvanus & Mr G.W. Southworth went to church - likewise Lydia Harwood - W.S. & G.W. Southworth were here late in the day - the latter supped here. I went past noon & settled book accounts with Maj. L. Norton - Our last settl't was on the 31st Dec. 1827. His side amounted to \$8.42, if I rightly recollect - this I balanced by acc't of cider - 116 gallons & giving an order on N.J. Norton for 244 more - at the rate of 75 cts pr bbl. Made a blunder in numbering 1 load more of cider than friend Nortman returned on his bill, supposed he might have been mistaken. Afterwards examined my day book, discovered my mistake - next morn'g sent N. a billet acknowledging the same. I had visited the Distillery late in the day on Tuesday & obtained a credit of 4 lds cider amount'g to 21 bbls 2 gs to which had added 21 gall's on acc't of Solo. Searls for use of cider press & mill making am't rise to 21 bbls 23 galls. Horace Dimmick rec'd 1 gal brandy there on my acc't. He rode off tow'd home accomp'd by Mr J. House.

FRKDAY, DEC'R 5 Cloudy, some chilly, fine for out door business. Employed as on Tuesday - getting down great oak logs & riving in pieces - T. Kent not present. In the P.M. & eve'g cous N L Robinson with his sister Emily & Miss Rachel Isabel, likewise Mrs Waters & eldest daughter were entertained here. Cous N.L. gave an account of his late visit to N.Y. City. Settled with him for drawing plaster last Spring - found due him 10 gall's brandy - drew 2 quarts for him tow'ds it this evening.







The account of Thursday was incomplete - Started from Norton's for the E. part of the town - halted at Mr Poole's - talked awhile - gave up my jaunt - crossed lots to the P. Office - staid there but a short time & then posted home - H. Waters paid his respects to us - See On Thursday too Adeline dressed in her green plaid calico went to Maj Luman's and to Mr Loomis's - visiting among her mates.

SATURDAY, DEC'R 6 Mild, cloudy, thawy & muddy - Worked with the team in the woods till past noon - Father, Sylvanus & T. Kent were there all day. At the hour above specif'd came down and assisted young Mr Thomas in unloading 25 bbls Ind. corn deliv'd in good order & full measure - allowance of 1/2 bhl overplus being made by him on account of premature sale - not being considered merchantable until past Christmas - Rode to Algiers with friend Thomas - Left Mr G.W. Southworth in the Street - Saw a very full stage standing in front of Hicks' - Spoke with Gen'l Cross of Shaftsbury. In Alg. informed Mr J.B. Norton that I thought there was an important omission in our settlement - the value of six lambs was overlooked by me in posting my books - he had not time to attend to it - Said I had been lucky in the disposal of my pork for it was now no higher at Troy than  $4\frac{1}{2}$  dollars pr hund. for the heaviest hogs. Settled accounts with Mr J. Volentine whose bill for dressing cloth amounted to \$4.38 - card'g \$3.58 - Balanced by note of \$1.78 - The cheese which I deliv'd him on the 24th was reckoned at 6" pr lb according to what I engaged early in the season but which had escaped my frail memory until reminded of it by Mr V.

Ret'd to town in Mr F's wagg. - Mr Cooly in company who rode with us only a psrt of the way - very muddy. At Kellogg's office saw Mr Justice Hubbell trying a small cause - visited the Post Office - paid 0/9 due there - Returned this way to the Bank house - saw E. Montague and H. Waters and somebody else - viewed the house - called it fine - Marched onward to J. Hubbell's - rec'd from him \$2. in money tow'ds butter.

Rec'd from T. Hendryx in full before going up the hill - forgot to enter it in due order - the sum of \$4.47" - passed receipts - Called at Mr Chandler's and left \$3.18" but Sam'l being absent did not get up my note. Before getting thus far had accomp'd H. Waters from Swift's store to his shop - at the former place they shewed H. a quarter of a dollar - South American coin, which they presumed to be counterfeit - was paid in by T. Kent. H. insisted upon it that it was genuine & gave them an undisputed piece for it. I got to Mr Andrews' after dark - spoke with Mrs A. about pay for pork which I wanted, if convenient to Mr A., to receive between this date & the 20th. Arrived safe home - H.W. bro't acc'ts & bills - wrote considerably for him - Uncle Clsrk came in and said he was ready to go to Rutland - could get no business &c. The man tarried with us all night.

SUNDAY, DEC'R 7 Mild weather continued - pretty cl'dy - some stormy  
Pretty busy in the usual way. H.W. spent the day with us - filed papers for him - A part of the family went to meeting.







MONDAY, DEC'R 8 As fine a day as could be expected at this seas'n, Really quite fine, Spring like. All hands entered the woods and by an early hour P.M. saw our winter's wood all piled in complete order ready for drawing - Returned to the house - regulated affairs about hogs - had 12 fine fellows - we let loose the d---l among them having previously kept him confined a number of weeks so as to have him prepared for action. Uncle C. returned home before sunset Talked strongly of the Rutland expedition - Rode to town in the evening - At the store of S. & Son learned that Dr Swift, Noadiah, was quite out of health - went into the house and found him sitting in his chair in the keeping room - spirits pretty good - conversed with him on common every day topics - spoke of our corn contract - asked him if I should pay him for the whole on the first of Jan'y - said it was not very material - I concluded I should pay him by that time - but could only pay the interest on the Old Debt - Mentioned my son's illness - ordered his son to rig me off with 5 or 6 grains calomel - some senna and anice seed for him and it was done.

There were many in the store, among whom saw J. Brooks, Heman Wickwire and capt. Henry Harwood - on our way home made a very short call at Chandler's & Son's - another at capt. Waters - where we were informed that Uncle C. called owed the capt. \$1.50" for board - he also owed several smallish sums - \$7. or \$8. to F.B. & Co - We returned home early in the evening.

TUESDAY, DEC'R 9 Mild & cloudy, wind S. Spent much of the A.M. in going to Algiers to get money - carried books along in order to render an exact exposition of my accounts with Peck & Norton - J.B.N. was too busily engaged in taking in pork, which was bro't there plentifully, to attend at present to my business - would pay over the money that was due me towards the end of the week - Saw them weigh off several hogs. One of the Barbers from Pownal came with a load which J.B. refused taking because it fell short of the description required by contract - would not over-go  $1\frac{1}{2}$  hund - I say he refused taking it at the price the man wanted - off'd him  $4\frac{1}{2}$  doll's for it which he refused, backed his wagg. out of the yard for Troy. I thought he missed it. They were now buying in at \$4.75 for the heaviest pork, payable in six months without int. Saw capt. W. Burt about the slaughter belting on the weight of hogs. Visited B. Squires' in his curriers's shop & without asking rec'd \$3.50 in full for hide - Went into U.M. Robinson's office, saw him in pretty decent trim, talked some of buying his cow. Burt came there, or was there before me - Mr constable F. Blackmer served on him a writ for debt as I understood it, during the time I was there. Saw Barnabas Wood at said office, he told of a fine cow which he not long ago sold to B. Taft - About 11 A.M. left Algiers & came up the Smith road - met Bliss & Dewey - the former enquired when I was going to Rutland? Replied, tomorrow morning. Marched to L. Norton's - tried to borrow a buffaloe, but they had none of the description wanted. Came home past noon - assisted father about setting up gate post on the way from the house to the barn. Sylvanus drew 432 feet planks for H. Waters. (Paid Mr Volentine this A.M. in full - took up note.)







deliv'd at the Bank - whence was rec'd      feet scantling, chiefly spruce from H. Waters. Sylvanus also bro't down uncle Clark's effects from town and drew a small l'd wood for Mr Ayres. S.W. after this date was calculating to attend the Dist. School of G.W. Southworth about 90 days. On Monday we verbally entered into an agreement that from and after the day he should become 19 years of age until of lawful age, he should receive annually the sum of fifty dollars - \$20 to be paid in May, and the remainder in the fall, which sum should clear me from all expences for shoes, boots, clothes, hats, expense money, and making his clothing. The original contract for 12 months schooling, the two suits of clothes and one hundred and thirty dollars to be fulfilled on my part. It was further stipulated that I should lose all his time required for trainings including the 4th of July - all other days when not in our service employment should be made up at his expence. See Journal 1826 p. 60.

Uncle Clark being arrived from town it was immediately judged to be most prudent, as he owed some small sums, to load up and be off - I am for having everyone pay his honest debts if he be able - This was not the case with our uncle - nevertheless I was anxious to get him off without being beset by constables and sheriffs - If his creditors must lose it would be no worse for them than for me - I presume I could find a balance in my favor against him of not much short of \$20. - perhaps considerably higher than that. Having rec'd from him 3 planes, bitt stock, bitts &c we started in the 2 h. wagg. and through darkness and mud tremblingly sought out our way to Mr Gleason's one mile N. of Gov Galusha's, Shaftsbury. His effects were all collected excepting 1 coat at capt Watefs' which I engaged should be sent him hereafter. Before leaving Bennington I tried at two places to borrow money but failed because they at the former one could not lend it long enough - at the latter had not any to spare. At Mr G's we were very kindly rec'd and handsomely accommodated. Mr Beers happened to be there and expressed much pleasure in seeing me - assisted in unharnessing - staid until sometime in the evening conversing with us. Uncle also had the satisfaction of sentimentally exchanging a few compliments with the amiable and accomplished wid. Nash. I ought to remind that I never drove the like distance, say 8 or 9 miles, in a night so far - it was very cloudy not cold - grew more light as we approached the end of our route.

WEDNESDAY, DEC'R 10 Fine day - flying cl'ds - wind W. or S.W. We were early in motion - Drove to capt Silas Harwood's, Rupert - The man was out in his field - understood he had been sowing or was preparing to sow rye. Saw his lady and youngest daughter, who were in usual health. My horses were kept here - our uncle tarried over night with his cousin - I slept at J. Phelp's where I was very cordially rec'd by him & lady.







In the evening Mr P. walked with me down to his father's where I was introduced to the old gent. and his son, who lived in the house with him. The old man complained of lameness occasioned by rheumatism, talked with them some about buying cows which they seemed to wish to sell. Could not very easily get their terms - finally the old gent. said he considered them worth on an average \$18.00 pr head. I had not much of a notion of trading so returned to Mr P's where the remainder of the evening was talked away very agreeably.

THURSDAY, DEC'R 11 Wind S., thick cl'ds - rained moderately - only misted some of the time - felt extremely anxious concerning the weather. Breakfasted with capt Silas and family. News came that one of Mr Phelps' hogs which he was intending to butcher had unluckily fallen into the well - just previous to this I had harnessed my horses, but the weather being unsettled, drove into the barn, unharnessed & tied to the rack again, joined the neighbor's in going to Mr P to assist in raising s'd beast from his unpleasant situation - Josiah Fuller Cushman, son of J. Cushman, grandson of J. Fuller one of the old G.M Boys who departed this life in Aug. 1805 - this young man who was living with P. at Present, after 2 or 3 attempts, made out at last to fasten to the poor animal in such manner as to enable the rest of the company to raise him to land once more, where he was soon disposed of. I returned to our cousins, the rain came on more violent, I tried to busy myself with Morse's Geog. 2d V. 1796. Looked at C. Goodrich's Hist. U.S. which I considered very comprehensive & pretty. As to the time of harnessing my horses, perhaps my statement may be incorrect, for I write it from recollection, made no minutes while on this expedition, At any rate about 11 A.M. the direction of the wind changed, clouds appeared to indicate fair weather, we therefore lost no time in getting off. We felt mortified at the loss of our umbrellas - borrowed one of cous. J. Harwood & were soon out of the neighborhood in which we enjoyed so much generous hospitality. Passed Fitch Mills, Penfield's Cott. Factory &c., pressed slowly forward & reached Middleton Village a short time previous to the setting of the sun - Saw Gen Clark's new grand house & all the finery attached thereto - Ascending the creek which enters the village from the E. had to halt a moment for my old relative to put on his loose coat, the wind blowing so cold from N.W. that he could no longer do without. Had now about 10 miles to ride in order to gain the end of our journey, and I must confess the roughness of the weather and the state of the roads, altho' very favorable, made it seem long. In Ira we encountered one snow shower - were shown the house in which Preserved Fish Esq was said to reside - the wind blew powerfully. At length we reached the residence of Mr Moses Finn. We began to suffer a good deal with cold limbs & empty stomachs, were therefore very happy in getting into so snug & comfortable a harbour. Mr F. waited upon us very readily & cheerfully - cousin Lucy had been very ill for several months past, was now getting better. Mr F. not long since ret'd from a journey to Ty, where during summer he had been employed in the lumbering business at \$12. pr month. Informed me that his wife's sickness had cost him a considerable sum - He appeared to treat her tenderly - kept a hired maid - I liked what I saw of my cousins well.







Our cous. F. had spent a part of the past season working in the lumber business at \$12 pr month near Ty. Considered it very unhealthy in that District.

FRIDAY, DEC'R 12 Frozen hard, wind high N.W. soon changed to S. mountains to the N. white - seemed pretty severe turnin out - was deceived as to the time o'day - arose perhaps at 2 in the morning - all hands took breakfast, afterwards finding it so very early we went to bed again. The 2d time of getting up was at the usual hour. Assisted by Mr F. was enabled to take an early start for which felt much obliged to my cousins for whom I entertained much respect - requested a visit.

Nothing of moment happened on the road - did not pass through Middleton Village - some uncomfortable riding against the S. wind. Arrived at capt. Silas Harwood's past 2 P.M. - supped there - they kept my horses - about sunset visited the farm yard of Old Mr Phelps to make some observations on his cows - It was too late in the day to see accurately what & how and all about them, but I must confess their appearance to me was no-wise flattering - staid but a moment - saw nobody to speak with but a youngster that I took to be the hired man - did not go into the house, but returned to my friend John Phelps' - sat and conversed awhile and then with him went to capt. Silas' - A part of the evening was agreeably spent here - one of the neighbors with his lady was there - We returned again to P's where Mrs P. who had been busy in disposing of lard, tallow &c was now ready to "visit with me" as she expressed herself - so we talked away a long evening bringing up numerous recollections of the past - too voluminous & minute for anything like an insertion here. Of course we all know that when old acquaintances get together there is a hasty raking up of all the old neighborhood annals that can be called to mind. Retired pretty late. Must mention our young friends J.F. Cushman and Abel Denio who were in good health & spirits - the latter was eldest of the numerous offspring of our good cousins Ariel D. and his lady - this young man resided for the pres't with his uncle S. - Cushman is noticed under Dec. 11. Miss Catherine, Mrs P's maid, said her father resided near Deac. Clark's in Pawlet where they milked last season sixty cows and were intending to increase their dairy to 100 another year - Deac. C. occupied a large house 1/2 a mile beyond Penfield's Factory - commonly hired their neighbors to milk cows for 1 ct a day a head payable in butter and cheese.

SATURDAY, DEC'R 13 Mild, wind & cl'ds from the S. rains at night. Find more mud in the S. part of Shaftsbury & in Bennington than on my whole route to the N. After taking breakfast at P's & exchanging the usual compliments with the people of both houses - started off at perhaps 1/2 past 8 A.M. - came E. road through Dorset by I. C. Vail's - About 11 called at Mr Bareett's, Manchester, found them very unhappy - the old lady a very







lonesome widow - her son a sick man who had been confined several weeks - son's wife had worked beyond her strength making cheese &c &c &c had not time visit the sick man - came on & then called at Bing. Hills and there obtained my umbrella which had been picked up by Asa Loomis as he was riding to the N. S. edge of Arlington took in a farmer who rode to Babcock's with me - here they had a shooting match - Saw Eben Gleason & Mr Beers - took in a passenger named Reuben Hall who was very sociabl and agreeable company - pursued the business of a collier - was on his return from Dorset where he had been employed for several months past in the pay of a Furnace Co - was going to Woodford to engage in the like vocation. Halted at Mr Gleason's and recovered Uncle C's lost umbrella which fell from the wagg. ere we got into the road. At F. Blackmer's Mr Hall alighted and paid for his passage, 25" as previously agreed on. Bridgewater, Ms was the native place of this man who had no wife and was about 33 years of age - told some anecdotes of a major Mitchell of said town who commanded or was of that rank when the Militia of that neighborh'd were called together to guard the town of old Plymouth against the attacks of the enemy in 1814 if I rightly understood him - This major was a highly honorable man in his official capacity. Dark when arrived here - they appeared pleased to see me safe home again. Sylvanus had been to school some - attended shooting match &c - his time for going to school commenced on the 9th inst. Father had looked well to domestic concerns - had a new suit cut by T. Hendryx. I had performed my journey in a prosperous way and without expence.

SUNDAY, DEC'R 14 Rained from the S. - towards evening wind began blowing furiously from N.W. Nobody went from this house to meeting, weather too bad for horses to be out. Wrote for myself & H. Waters - Late P.M. rode in 1 h. wagg. to Dr Swift's with my wife & son to get advice from the good man touching the health of the youth. He prescribed & Ed. H. got the stuff - Heard that Mrs Judge Fay could not live. Dr S. thought her disease had been very badly managed by Dr McClure - Our tarry was short - made quick & safe return.

MONDAY, DEC'R 15 Cold early, wind S. flying cl'ds, midday more mild. towards eve'g blew up cold from N.W. Engaged in threshing oats. Mr Brayton called to settle for cheese but pr chance I happened to be off putting up fence S. side of the rye field - See Oct 20th - This evening had business in Algiers - father walked with me as far as Lieut Safford's. At the store of J. & B. Norton called up our old settlement. J.B. made it out very plain that my acc't already included the six lambs and I for the moment had to give it up, supposing myself such a blunderer that such must have been the case - It made me feel foolish too, but was willing to do and stick to what was right. After coming home, looking over once more was convinced I was right. My friend had not yet looked over his books in full - that is his books were not yet posted up. Saw there old Mr Witherell, S. Pratt Jr, L. Park who talked of rev'd D.A. Clark & the Bible - and others. Returned to Lieut Safford's along with S. P. - made good visit there - got home past 9. E. Carpenter had been to see me.







TUESDAY, DEC'R 16 S. wind, chill, broken cl'ds, unpleas't - Threshed oats. Sylvanus worked for Mr Ayres drawing out wood out into the Indian Lot on his own acc't as he had done on the 15th - we supplied oxen and sled both days. Damia worked for Mrs Fay. Mr Brayton of Adams paid me this P.M. in full for 4992 lbs cheese \$149.52 - See Oct. 20th - Said he had informed the people here thst if cheese should do no worse another season than the present he should buy again - should it actually go worse he should not engage therein. Sold our cheese for \$6.50 just as he calculated to when he bo't it - never knew it, speaking generally of the market, to sell lower - had 3 out of 6 Bennington dairies on hand - Kelly's - L. & A. Sherwood's - Ours had a pretty quick sale - Had to pay no interest on the first payment of Mr B. - all conducted very fairly and in a spirit of accommodation. In the evening went to the store of Swift & Son & settled an account of \$42.10 which had accumulated since early in May - had credit for 5 yds flannel \$2.00 - transportation of goods from Troy 22" - leaving due \$39.88" - which was paid in full. Paid interest on old debt due Dr Swift amounting to \$29.34" - took up the old notes of Dec'r 4, 1826 and April 2nd 1827 on which there were endorsements Nov 22 1827 and Sept 1827-1828 and gave a new one for \$188.00 - During this settlement J. Brooks & H. Waters I think were present - Could not settle medical books on account of the illness of the doct.

WEDNESDAY, 17 Chilly, quite a breeze from N.W. cl'dy - Accompanied my father to the funeral of Mrs Mary Fay the widow of the late Hon. David Fay - her age was 63 - Esq A. Hubbell, S. Safford Esq, C. Cushman Esq and J. Pool were bearers. The corpse was borne to the meeting house in the usual manner, not interred until after service. Mr A. Bingham made the introductory prayer and it was a lengthy one indeed. (Mr Crow) Mr Clark took his text in Psalms - do not recollect the verse and chapter - seemed much affected by his subject - Discourse quite appropriate - Exercises being through the corpse was exposed to public view & I took a last look - thought the countenance very natural. Saw U. Edgerton who said Mrs Fay the widow of Dr Jonas Fay died sometime in Nov'r last at her son's in Ohio aged 88 - She was the mother of Ethan Allen & Heman Allen Fay and their sister Lydia now Mrs Edgerton - two former born Jan'y 12th 1779 - the latter Jan ~~12~~ 12 1781 - Walked into the store of S. & Son - bo't some small articles & paid for the same as will appear from our day book under this date. Made settlement with D. Clark - accounts had run since Jan'y 31st 1827 charges amounted to \$8.48" - against which I bro't for cider \$4.38"





Concluded to let it stand thus until I should appear with my note which I held against friend C. who agreed that if I was finally bro't in debtt he would accept of an order from Col Merrill to balance the same. Spent some time in McEowen's B. room - heard U. Edgerton & E. Fay Jun discussing the propriety of cutting down orchards where the land was good - the former for and the latter against it. To Joel Thomas Sen pa paid \$25. - half in advance for corn - took his due bill for 25 bbls good merchantable Ind. corn deliverable at his house by the first of April ensuing. At Brown & Fay's paid 50 cents in full for 12 panes glass bo't Oct 17th for the use of the school house which including the setting of the same should be charged to the Dis't -  $87\frac{1}{2}$  cents.

Made a short halt at the store of Swift & Son - called afterwards at Chandler & Sons - mentioned articles with which I had credited him or them over and above their charges for which it was stipulated that the balance should be paid in brandy - but they would forward their keg for 4 G's - three in advance. Here I found Aaron Osborn with a load of coals from the N.E. part of the town of Pownal. This person when a boy of 13 or 14 had lived with the family of Mr James Street in Tanbrook close by us. Mr S. in the fall of 1800 left town with a drove of horses for S. Carolina from whence he never afterwards returned. His affairs were put under the management of a young man by the name of James Williams from Wilmington, Vt - he proved to be a very severe master to our friend O. who often suffered much under his sour displeasure I am unable to give more particulars at this time - will only say that I attended school with said O. many days at the school of H. A. Fay - he was rather rough in his manners - boys in general not fond of his society - used him rather harshly - with me he was very good - enjoyed many good pastimes with him - so that I presume he was really pleased at seeing me. Told me he had a wife, 4 sons & 5 daughters - of the former, the eldest about 20, went to sea - youngest of the latter 3 weeks old. Himself 42 - wife 39. Told him if he would draw me 100 bbl's coals would pay him 100 lbs cheese of good quality - conditionally promised he would. This evening perused the story of the Drowned Alive in the Token for 1829.

THURSDAY, DEC 18 Cold, frozen as solid - wd N.W. Thrashed oats - bro't in cheese from the dairy room. Rec'd from Jed Dewey pr Sherwood Piper 1020 feet  $2\frac{1}{2}$  inch planks, hemlock - paid in full \$5.61 to sd Piper. Read Otterbag in the Token - good story, well written. Mr Southworth of our Dist. tarried here over night. Sylvanus enlarged his cyphering book by adding thereto half a quire writing paper on my acc't. We will say it is an immense labor to write this Journal.

FRIDAY, DEC'R 19 Snugly cold - S. wind & clouds all day. Sent to capt Waters' & bro't on Mr ~~Piper~~ Rose to build cheese cupboard on capt W's acc't - I furnished materials, he performed the work. Waited upon wid. W. to the capt's - saw his daughter Mary. Bo't at Swift & Sons butts & screws 14 cts on acc't - Paid in full to E. Safford agent for the Missionary Herald 75 cents and left order for its discontinuance - Saw maj. L. Norton.







Returned from town - assisted at threshing oats and finding materials for our joiner who informed he he had a fine cow he wanted to sell - talked of buying of him.

SATURDAY, DEC. 20 Wind chilly from the S. grew more mild towards evening - rained at the end of the day slightly. We winnowed and bro't into the garret 47 or 48 bbls oats. Mr Bliss with his friend Ashley from Springfield, Ms., made us a short visit - paid me in full \$1.00 - see pages 17 & 56 of Day Book of 1828. Young Mr Rose completed the cheese cupboard - cost say \$4.00

SUNDAY, DEC'R 21 Fair, very chilly, & cold, wind N.W. Father, Diadamia & Adeline went to church - heard Mr Clark's sermon on Slander - Rec'd a very welcome visit from Mr T. C. Parsons of Hoodsick whence he bro't no bad news - Returned home at night. G.W. Southworth cracked butternuts and read the Token to us this evening. Last eve'g H. Waters bro't down his papers and acc't book in which I entered many items for him.

MONDAY, DEC'R 22 Dry & chilly & cold, wd SE at nt. We entered upon threshing rye. Little Hopkins recommenced going to school from which he had been absent 2 weeks. Mrs Andrews became the mother of her 5th child & 2d son, named as soon as he was born John C. Andrews. Passed the evening reading moral pieces in an old copy of Scott's Lessons - printed in 1799.

TUESDAY, DEC'R 23 Searching strong wind from SE or S. changed at night to N.W. - Continued the business of the 22d - The evening was occupied much as the preceding, perusing a part of the Memories of B. Steuben who died in 1795 in his 65th year. He (was) possessed an eccentric character, but nevertheless its goodness cannot be disputed. Diadamia ret'd from Capt Waters this evening.

WEDNESDAY, DEC'R 24 Mild for Winter - wind mainly S. About 25 bbls rye was winnowed, measured & stored in the garret. Cousin N. L. Robinson came down in his waggon & made a momentary stay - rec'd 12 lbs butter on acc't of services by his father in various ways. Cous. N. lent aid towards getting in grain. Made an agreem't to receive town orders and let him have money in their stead or rather he having in his hands the orders he said with them he would pay up our taxes, get the collector's receipt for them, and we might pay him the money when called for - we paid him in advance \$3.00. Emerson Gleason also towards the close of the day rode up and paid his respects to our selves and ladies - gave his opinion in favor of keeping mares for the purpose of raising mules - for which we could get the first season \$20. pr head. Made prepararation for going to Troy.





THURSDAY, DEC'R 25 Early in the morning there was a severe snow shower wind mainly N.W. This soon passed away. The cl'ds were broken - it was scuddy during most of the subsequent part of the day - wind blowing violently from W. & N.W. We arose between 4 & 5 full of Troy, but were not very sanguine when it stormed as just stated but after taking breakfast our courage grew strong - and we made bold to try it. With my old lady & youngest sister took seats in the long wagg. box and bade Bennington good bye until our return. Found snow rough travelling all or the main part of the way to Wadsworth's. Warm ed at Newell's - Four Corners - in their dining room they had a smoky Franklin - took a little gin - drove to Wadsworth's - warmed again - cider answered the purpose here - saw a number of teams bound inward & outward. Started forward again - wind blowing very keenly in our faces indeed we thought Winter had commenced in the real Imperial Russian style. A steady slow pace carried us to Troy a little past sunset - found cousin Sam. removed one door south from his former stand - supped there. But previous to enjoying that good piece of hospitality put up horses at E. D. Waters' where I saw our friend D. Baker Robinson who seemed to be in the character of Bar-keeper. Visited our old friend C. Brown whom I found in his office, or rather that of his employer, had a number of books many of which he had bo't very low at auction - Invited him whenever he should come to Bennington to be sure to come to our house - he promised he would - said his mother was doing well at the last date of hearing from her - told me his brother Lewis resided in T. and was employed as cl'k in the store of T. S. Clark - Returned to cous Sam's - waited upon my female companions down third street - halted under the window of a certain genteel house to hear the music of a well managed Piano by a gentleman accomp'd with first rate vocal strains by a young lady who sang a song. The piece was a waltz, the name of which I have seen but do not now recollect - have heard a little song in it about Tommy Tompkins & Polly Hopkins - To us this was quite a treat - it well graced our Ch's Eve. Marched forward and by enquiry found the residence of our late neighbor and friend J. W. Winship - enjoying him self in retirement with his lady and little Harriet Andrews - We were made entirely welcome and at home - their room or rooms were in the bas ment story of a newish house of some magnitude standing on a corner of 5th & Ferry Streets opposite the new jail. Damia after staying a short time cleared with me and Mr W. for E.D.Waters' where she tarr'd - returned with my friend to his house, having given orders at W's for strict attention to be paid to my horses - Talked away a long eve'g at W's - Forgot to mention in exact order paying a visit at my friends the Arnold's to make some enquiries about prices etc. A neighbor of theirs was there talking of pride &c - havn't time to say more of it - We did not go by Lansingburgh - they said the road that way was much the best







FRIDAY, DEC'R 26    Calm fine mild morning. Mr Winship & lady were very hospitable & full of sociability - we tarried till after breakfast and then took our departure - We commenced business by calling at H. Waters' for Diadama - Paid for keeping horses 56 cts - Saw C. Brown in the Bar Room - likewise Also Squires - Paid my bill at a late hour on further recollection - D.B. Robinson, Barkeeper. Visited the store of J. V. Powelson - nobody within - called at Brinkerhoff's - bo't knives to the am't of  $87\frac{1}{2}$  cts and afterwards traded at Powelson's \$4.49 - then at G. V. S. Quackenbush's not far from \$25.00 and at other stores enough to bring it up to \$34.12" exclusive of tavern fees which including 9" arrearage amounted to 77 cents - Bill in full being \$34.89 - for prices and other particulars see Day Book, p. 17 & 18 - The aggregate exhibited above includes \$10. paid D. Harwood besides \$2. lent her. Cousin Sam'l Robinson was very good with us - rec'd of him pay in full for 6 glaas brandy deliv'd him in Sept. the 12th day. Deposited with our cousin the sum of 4 dollars for the purpose of buying buffaloe skin and books at auction according to order furnished him - They generously ser before us some Christmas refreshments of which we freely partook and after adjusting everything fairly left the city past 1 o'clock P.M. Near Snyder's overtook Nelson Duncan who rode with the remainder of the way to Bennington. At Wadsworth's had some notion of steering off to Hoosick Falls, but afterwards avandoned the scheme as visionary - Made a halt at Newell's 4 Corners - arrived befor 12 at night - roads dry - in some places very rough - met many teams loaded for Troy - some of them so late as 9 in the evening. The weath-  
wr was pretty warm & mild while the sun shone - when that luminary hid himself it grew cold - but it was quite tolerable riding during the evening, the cold notwithstanding. Father had finished threshing oats - in all 80 bhls.

SATURDAY, DEC'R 27    Remarkably pleas't, wind very unsteady in its direction - everyone remarked the singularity of the weather. Arose late in the morning - assisted in winnowing oats - Sylvanus & H. Duncan drew wood on job for Mr Ayres. P.M. walked to J. Harwood's to get boots & shoes mended - James executed a prt for S.W.D in short order & returned to U.M. Robinson's office - looked at his cow, would be 5 years old next spring, red color, good size, valued her at \$20. - made no trade. Visited Mrs Rose the mother of the young man who worked here on the 19th & 20th - learned many particulars respecting her husband and family - had 8 sons 2 daughters - the eldest 27 - youngest 7 years of age - praised her cow finely, but the creature had not yet arrived from Hoosac so that I could neither see nor bargain for her - felt that there was but little chance for me as she said there many that had put in for her - Departed to J. & J.B. Norton's store. J.B. not present - waited a good while for his appearance - By means of my own & what I hunted up in his stock book made out a statement respecting







sheep & lambs which I considered conclusive and must go to the recovery of what I paid there Nov 29 - While at the store on invitation of the cl'k Sid McEwen, drank some sweet wine. A mem't after leaving the ~~st~~/p store saw J.B. & acquainted him with what I had done & offered to go back & have it settled, but he was too much absorbed in other business, so we let it pass. On the road to the meeting house was overtaken by Mr Plumb, one of H.Waters' workmen - marched & conversed with him to s'd house - there we parted - Went to the Post Office - saw Mr Hunt there who spoke of the weather, said he had set it all down - Enquired for a letter - none had arrived - Came down to Dr S. & S's store - told the Doct. of buying 2 lbs tea of Dr Lyman in Troy at 7/0 Y'k - said I had been shaved - he could not trade at so dear a rate as they did in T - Shewed morocco shoes &c. Returned home before 9 - found O.W.Daniels & cous. N. Duncan here. Labored assisuously in calculating the value of goods bo't in Troy, a part of which we took no bills - As near as we could get at it there was an excess of goods bo't amounting to something over \$1.00 more than was paid out. Left home with -----\$43.69 returned with \$4.80 - left with cous. S.Rob. \$4. .... 8.80 Paid out -----\$34.89

SUNDAY, DEC'R 28 Continued fine & mild-cldy, wd S. Father & the girls went to meeting. I was employed in writing busily for H.Watrs and myself. Boys marched off to Pownal together.

MONDAY, DEC'R 29 Handsome morning - storm began to rise from the S. Assisted in threshing rye. Evening read Cooper's Pioneers where the hunting and fishing excursion of Leather Stocking & his friend is described, as also the adventure of the 2 young ladies and killing of Panther's by Natty.

TUESDAY, DEC'R 30 N.W. wind blew with great & unusual violence - air filled with dust & leaves - fences & trees, limbs of trees laid low - many other occurrences of like description might be eneumerated had I taken pains to collect facts - Became very cold at night. We had planned for going early this morning to mill, but it was given up on account of Mrs Rose sending her son to inform me of the arrival of their cow from Pownal requesting me to call immediately to see her. I felt embarassed at first - hated to give up the first calculation of the day, at the same time wished ardently to prosecute the other business - promised the boy to be there within an hour. After breakfast fixed up and immediately proceeded to Mr Tuttle's to see young Tho's Rode. Mr T. said he was upstairs fixing for Troy whence he would go in the stage. Conversed a few moments with him & his lady - he held his child in his lap dandling it on his knee but a little accident of a very natural kind taking place he gladly resigned his prize to his lady who laughed heartily at the awkward position in which she saw her good man placed. Mr Bliss came in but had not much time to talk with him. Mr R being ready, joined him in walking up street - requested him to say what was the least he would take for his cow, - he replied, if I am correct, \$25.00 - I then informed him if his description was fair, that I could give him no more than \$22.00 - at first tried to get him to take my







note until the first of April, but finally he chose to have his money down - so we stepped into the store of Swift & Son where I borrowed of the firm \$6.00 and paid him in the presence of Ed. H. Swift in full for his cow \$22.00 nearly all Bennington money - He said he had sold her low requested me not to inform his mother what he/ I had given for her - so I promised - Left him at Hicks' waiting for the Albany stage. Soon reached Algiers - met uncle Sam Safford in a 1 h. wagg. going to mill Visited & informed Mrs R. that the cow was mine and that I wanted the assistance of one of her boys to drive home the beast - She earnestly demanded the price of the purchase, but I referred her to the young man on that head. She said if he had sold her under price (25 D's) she should hold him fast to make it good to her - expressed peculiar reluctance at parting with so good a cow. A lad of 16 - red brown hair, fair complexion, springy and active, turned out to help me, was well dressed excepting his shoes which made him feel rather off about going - but I told him never on such occasions to be mortified at trifles of that stamp - nobody would think anything of it - We started her from the yard of capt. Abell - large pale red - not in first rate order - 8 yrs old next spring - to calve last of Feb'y or 1st of March - of first rate character. Arrived safe with the prize - treated our young friend with cider and apples - liked his conversation & manner very well. Assisted in winnowing 7 bbls rye. Owen & Sylvanus Daniels arrived from Pownal - the former visited town to get clothes cut pr Hendryx.

WEDNESDAY, DEC'R 31 Clear & extremely cold, wind N.W. at night hazy, wd S. Made a bargain with Orren W. Daniels to swap a farrow cow, giving about 4 quarts milk pr day, good size, shape & color - fair character - 9 years old in the spring ensuing - commonly known by the name of "Lydia's Line" but of late supposed to be the intended property of Miss D. Harwood, for a young dun cow 5 years old in the Spring - much lighter than the other - said to be of good character - to calve the last of April or first of May and three dollars in cash at the expiration of thirty days. Sylvanus went with his brother to assist in driving home the former of these beasts & returned near the end of the day with the latter. This movement was strongly opposed by my Mother and sisters - but I was clear in it - intending only to promote the best interests of the whole house - without grudge & without spite. Finished off threshing rye of which supposed we had on hand including 1 bhl lent to G. Robinson, 40 bbls - say in all from 6 acres - 75 to 80 bbls. Perused Paris Hist. U.S. in the eve'g. Mrs Waters, Patty, who had spent 1 night here - accomp'd by Damia left for home.





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THURSDAY, JAN'Y 1 Snowee slightly early in the morning, clouds and a very moderate kind of storm and dark thick clouds prevailed the best part of the remainder of the day - snowed an hour or two pretty lively in the evening. Made a final business of the rye - then repaired a part of the S.y'd shelter which had been blown off on Tuesday - hanged two large gates and put other things & affairs in order - took good care of cattle - Early in the eve'g W.S. & G.W. Southworth came here. Sylvanus proposed going to witness the Ball at the Brick house - V.D. McEowen's - Shaved & prepared in a hurry - rode in the small wagg. to Hicks', thence advanced on foot - arrived at s'd house pretty well cov'd with snow - Mr N. Weeks politely took our loose coats & hats and we without loss of time ascended stairs to the Gr'd Ball Room

Among the spectators saw D. Robinson Jr, capt Cyrus Hills, Stephen & Pliny Dewey, Gen H. Robinson, capt. Heman Robinson, Judge Stephen Robinson, J. Hubbell Esq, H. Hall Esq., S.H. Blackmer Esq., E. D. Hubbell D. Clark, H. H. Fass't, H. Waters, J. Brooks, Col O. C. Merrill & others. It was a brilliant effort - the ladies appeared to great advantage - everything was conducted in excellent style - all went on as it should. The music, at the head of which was our excellent Mr Andrews with his violin, was said to be superior, of its kind, to any ever in Bennington on a like occasion - The instruments used in addition to the violin were a bass-viol, F. horn, large & octave flutes & clar't, but as there were but 3 performers all could not be in use at the same time The flute performer I think could hardly be out done. He that played the Bass and the other ~~from~~ were from the Museum, Albany. Past 9 came home accomp'd from Hicks' by M. Manchester.

FRIDAY, JAN'Y 2 First rate cold day, cloudy, heavy wd N.W. By thresh 5½ bbls barley and winnowing the same closed up our threshing for the year or season. Sylvanus drew wood until past 12 on Ayres' contract - broke one of the single whiffletrees. Barn door was thrown off hinges by the Wild cow - With some difficulty hanged it again assisted by S. W. Daniels. Commenced reading Hist. U.S. in the eve'g but H. Waters coming in with acc'ts & papers put by the book to attend to his concerns. Valued stock exclusive of hogs at something over \$600 - owed say \$200 - Debts due us, say \$50. but a part rested in rather poor hands.

SATURDAY, JAN'Y 3 An evermemorable cold day - strong wind N.W. F't Thermometer said to be 17 deg. below zero in the morning. Marched to Court House Hill P.M. - leaving wood saw to be filed by Capt Waters. At D. Clark's procured an order of \$5. from Col Merrill to pay on acc't with him which was drawn on & accepted by Darius Clark - 52 cents of which went to balance accounts with him, having previously given up a note to him, on which there was due \$3.58 - See Dec. 17 and my Journ'l for Jan'y 1827 - They shewed







me a new head to the Vermont Gazette which they in a joking way said was to please me. I agreed with Darius to take up on my order upon which there remained due \$4.48 - use of Library one year & the remainder in the way of common deal. Sam Scott, M. S. Norton, Col Merrill & perhaps some one else entered warmly into the discussion of the question as to the propriety of Mr Ballard, Principal of our Academy, raising price of tuition, declaring himself above the control of the committee appointed about 1 year ago. From capt D. Robinson Jr rec'd 2/0 in full for 62 lbs of butter - See Oct 30.

Walked down to Dr Swift's, traded to the amount of \$1.24 at the store in small articles - pins, buttons, twist, spice, bar soap &c. Ed. & young Dexter waited upon me. Visited the house - Heman's little Jenette was there, afterwards was joined by her brother Charles for the sake of a pleasant little visit - both appeared pretty. At length the Doct. arrived - got him to look up his acc't against me which he said since Jan'y 4th., 1928, including visits to cous. Marg't Harwood, amounted to \$5.75 - My bill came up to \$8.40 leaving in my favor \$2.65 - With our Worthy Veteran of the corps of Physicians by invitation took supper - asked him if he would like to balance the above accounts on the corn concern - said he would, but I thought from a kind of coldness in his manner, the proposition did not quite suit him - If so let it go - perhaps sickness & sore shins will soon turn the tide against us so that we shall be glad of having something in bank against an evil day. Out of C's Library rec'd Slades' V't State Papers which I read in the eve'g - purchased 1 copy of the Vt Register - called at capt Waters - got saw & Dama's budget - marched home - perused the book as stated above.

SUNDAY, JAN'Y 4 Cold continued, but grew less severe, wd N. Diadema was the only person from our family that visited the Sanctuary and that in the P.M. - A. Bingham preacher - crazy enough too it was said - one thing must be set down to his credit of which he is never very often guilty and that was shortness of prayer & Sermon. G. W. Southworth called as he returned from church to Green's where he was at present boarding. My business is to be seen from Dec'r 26 up to this day - I mean entries from s'd day to this were spr'd on these sheets this day - wrote some for H. Waters this evening - Spent a little time looking over State Papers. H.W. was here this eve'g.

MONDAY, DEC'R 5 Severely cold in the morning - by no means warm through the day - wd S - cloudy - gradually growing warmer - saw fair about mid-day. Took a grist of rye & corn say 10 bhl including 1 bhl for Mr Ayres, to McWains' mill this side the great Mathews house on the road to White Creek. On the way called upon J. S. Robinson and rec'd the first Vol. of Gibbon which





I perused some while there - sometime elapsed before cous Seneca could start the mill on account of ice - but when she got under motion the operation was powerful. My turn was the third - only 2 light grists in first which being disposed of mine was duly attended to and finished by about sunset. While in waiting, sat comfortably by a warm stove - enjoyed good company - two men were from White Creek - one of whom had lately sold a fine lot of heavy pork in Troy - the average of which was 406 cwt - at \$4.62 $\frac{1}{2}$  and very hard rubbing to get that - nearly all that were at market at the same time could get no more than \$4.50 pr cwt - & many the present season for good quality had rec'd only \$4-3/8. Saw Mr Parker of the N.W. part of Bennington who said his uncle educated & bro't up (or bro't up & schooled) W. Pengra a young man whom I knew in 1812 - gave him a deed of 40 acres land which he afterwards disposed of - removed to Buffalo, N.Y. Lent & lost \$500 in the hands of an uncle - was married to a daughter of David Colvin - became slack and low spirited and finally poor. Rode home in the eve'g - pretty cold - called at Capt. W's - got tailor's goose and something else. Perused Gibbon's Roman manners &c. - M. & B. Street came down this eve'g to commence making coat for S. W. Daniels.

TUESDAY, JAN'Y 6 Fair - A great deal warmer than of late. Rode in the 2 h. wagg. to Algiers by way of S. School house Had horses shod at Harry Norton's, charged, including 1 new shoe, \$1.11 Wen to J. Norton's store - where found sitting there - Mr G. Godfrey, capt C. Hills, S. Dewey, Mr Witherell, J. Hubbell, J. Norton and may be somebody else. Made a fair and regular settlement of accounts with J. B. Norton for Peck & Norton and rec'd in full \$4.38. It was in the upper apartment of the store that we transacted business - J. Hubb. & H Rob. present who laughed a little at our moralizing when we had finished our settlement. Rec'd from Esq Hubb. \$1.00 towards butter - leaving due the sum of 50 cents. There came<sup>u</sup> an Eastern fish man along through Algiers - sold at 4 c pr lb - Visited the shop of J. Harwood, shoes mended - price 12 cents - transacted business with Mr Rockwood who said he talked of buying Dr N. Swift's home farm, or rather the S. part comprising 100 acres - (7th Oct.) Saw Paddy Morrison who said he had left 3/6 at Dr Swift's store for me, but on enquiry they knew nothing about it there. Bo't of Peck & Norton on cr. 9 lbs beef at 6" pr lb. Came up to N. Swift & Son's - bo't on acc't - axe helve price 25 cents. Procured cash in full of Deac. Erwin Safford for his half of the use of cider mill making 13 bbls cider for S. Searls - 54 cents.

Enquired am't of taxes against B. Harwood and was informed by Mr Constable Robinson that it arose to \$15.40. No bill against H. Harwood Came home with a real lame arm - left side - had it properly bathed. Lydia & Diadamia walked to uncle S. Robinson's to pay a visit - Evening Sylvanus with Adeline rode down & waited upon them home.







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WEDNESDAY, JAN'Y 7 Warm, mild & pleas't - wind S. My arm was so very lame that I kept house. Father labored in the woods with his axe. M. & B. Street continued busy at making S.W. Daniels coat - The former was sick on Tuesday & unable to perform business. S. W. Daniels went to school. My business was that of adding up the Dr side of an acc't kept by B. Harwood & Son against the same, ie themselves, amounting to \$1254.94 $\frac{1}{4}$

THURSDAY, JAN'Y 8 Rough weather, hail & rain from the S. wind changed in the eve'g late & bro't on quite a snow. The storm prevented the execution of much business, out of doors. Lameness in the left arm still was upon me. Mrs Stratton, son & daughter Rachel Isbell, from Williamstown bound to Hinsdill's Factory - made a short call here this P.M. Either heard the reports of Jackson Artillery or thunder during the P.M. The Misses Street left past noon for S. H. Brown's - having compleated said coat for which their joint charges amounted to \$1.33. Improved a part of the evening reading Correspondence between Governor Tryon of N. Y. and the real old Green Mountain Boys whose answers and statements were unvarnished, fearless, energetic and powerful.

FRIDAY, JAN'Y 9 Severe, very rough, wind blowing, snow flying from NW. Transported children to school - attended to some business up street - capt Waters executed the wood work of a single whiffletree - for which he charged 9/9 without furnishing timber - had old irons fixed in at Chandler's - price 20" - H. Waters fixed fife for S.W. Daniels - charged nothing. In the course of the P.M. visited the Bank - saw the counter about finished &c. This evening Mrs Stratton, cousin of my father, daughter of the late Capt Nehemiah Smedley - arrived here with her son Myron on their return from Hinsdill's - put up for the night. Uncle Samuel Robinson from whose house these people had last started, followed them on account of anxiety for their safety - they being in a l h. wagg. This good man after staying awhile and conversing very sociably rode home.

SATURDAY, JAN'Y 10 Fair but extremely cold. Mrs S. & son started for home. Sylvanus drew wood - 5 loads for ourselves - froze one of his feet slightly - finished drawing Mr Ayres' wood on the 9th - a job for which Breyman A. was to pay \$2.00 one of which was to be paid me and the other to S.W.D. I added up the credit side of the above named account which amounted to \$1379.06 - excess of credit \$127.06. Hiram Waters came down this evening out of health. Mr G.W. Southworth gave us a pleasant visit. Sold to E. Waters Jr senpr son 32 $\frac{1}{4}$  lbs cheese, good quality, at 7" on cr.

SUNDAY, JAN'Y 11 Some flying cl'ds - very keen air - wind N. Gibbon engaged me chiefly - S.W. Daniels home in the cutter. G. W. Southworth went from this to church - A. Bingham preached last Sabbath day.







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MONDAY, JAN'Y 12 Not very cold, Pretty good sleighing - Improved by us in drawing wood. Sylvanus in the midst of our prosperity unfortunately broke the off runner of the big ox sled which put a period to this day's exploits in that line. Father being some unwell did not venture into the woods. The after or the latest hours of the day were pleasantly spent enjoying a very agreeable visit from uncle S. Robinson, aunt Sarah, cousins Emily and Amand. In the evening there was a meeting of young craft here whose names were - B. Sears, H. Waters, W.S. & G.W. Southworth, H. Robinson and Erastus A. Holton the vender of the patent washing machine - a late invention which now took the main attention of our friend and neighbor Capt Waters.

The ladies whose presence graced this assemblage were Mary Ann, Emily and Lucy Sears, Caroline, Mary and Mary Ann Waters & Emily Robinson. A part of their amusement was very lively and attended with no small noise from laughter and loud ejaculations of B. Sears, H. W. and others - running furiously round the chimney - ladies and gent. alternately in chace of one another - Seemed to enjoy themselves very happily

In the course of the past week Mr Ballard the late Principal of Bennington Academy had been dismissed and another appointed in his stead for fair reasons, rendered by the Committee. Mr A.K. Burnham from Union College, very highly recommended, commenced teaching in the Academy this day assisted by Eliza Haswell.

Mr Ballard had without consulting the committee raised his price from \$3.00 to \$4.00 - even denied his responsibility to them at an end because as he argued their office had ceased with the year in which they were chosen. He retired with such scholars as adhered to him to the new building lately erected by Deac. E. Safford in rear of the mansion house formerly the residence of Capt. Sam'l Robinson.

My father this day entered his 68th year - eldest white living child born in the famous town of Bennington.

TUESDAY, JAN'Y 13 Fine for teaming, but on account of the accident of yesterday could run the horse team only. Sylvanus was thus employed and drew 5 loads while we were repairing the old establishment - and he would have added one load more had his sled not partially given out - the thing was soon put to rights.

WEDNESDAY, JAN'Y 14 Thawing & raining from the S. rained at night - mist ed through the day. Twelve loads were added to the pile - Sylvanus drove oxen - I navigated the horses - father assisted at loading - In the stuck to Gibbon - was well entertained.

THURSDAY, JAN'Y 15 Rained pretty steadily all day - wd S. Sylanus & Adeline road to school on the back of the mare Jenny. Hopkins remained at home. Gi bbon entertained me yet more with an account of the Religion of the Persians - Character of the Ancient Germans &c.

On Monday night the shop of Mr Aaron Norton was burnt - Mr Woodward house on the Windham Turnpike formerly called the Diver place and occupied as a tavern on the G. Mountain in Woodford was destroyed in the same way and as I am informed on the same night.







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TUESDAY, JAN'Y 16 Very warm & pleas't wind S. Snow going off rapidly  
We managed to draw wood with 2 teams - Sylvanus kept  
in School - so warm and agreeable to our cattle that we deemed it unnec-  
essary to stable the cows.

SATURDAY, JAN'Y 17 Continued extremely mild & thawy, sleighing in this  
quarter spoiled. We made an end of drawing wood at  
present - might compute the quantity at about 20 cords. Business invited  
me up street - Visited the new Bank building, like the construction of it  
very well - Got the newspaper at the Bennington Gazette Office - Looked  
at books - read a little in Thatcher's Journal - Came down to Dr S's  
store - Bo't on acc't 7 skeins silk for 32" and other 1 lb pearl ash, 16"

Saw and conversed with H. Waters both at the bank and at his shop  
On my return supped with Capt. Waters - Mr Rose and the young printers  
present. Capt W. was now very sanguinely engaged in the new washing ma-  
chine scheme.

Late in the evening assisted H. Waters in regulating accounts.  
Played the flute this evening with rather more spirit than usual. Paid  
to Melissa Street for her own and sister's services, Betsey, in making  
coat for S. W. Daniels, \$1.35" in money.

SUNDAY, JAN'Y 18 Unpleas't, thawy, snowed by times from the S.E.  
Wrote for H. Waters on Bank concern - supposed the  
cost of said establishment would amount to not much short of \$4000.  
Sold S.H.Brown pr Sid. Ripley 1 G. vinegar on cr. price 25" - Father  
attended meeting.

MONDAY, JAN'Y 19 Light snow, flying clds, frowning aspect, wind N.W.  
Visited Walbridge's mill - had 6 bbls buckwheat  
ground and bolted - 1 bhl with't bolting and a light grist for Mrs Kent  
While this was going on paid a visit to uncle S. Robinson & family -  
heard uncle S. relate some interesting particulars of the old capt  
Scott & other families - cous Nathan & page Haynes were about - the  
latter drew a load of wood for his brother Ira who had lately met with  
a fall, by which several robs that had been broken formerly, were again  
broken or seriously injured - after dinner returned to the mill to get  
grist. P.Haynes rode a part of the way with me - spoke very favorably  
of religion - of the Methodist persuasion. At the mill heard Mr Story,  
the miller, say that sometime next summer, do not recollect the date, he  
should be sixty y'rs of age. Saw J.E.Robinson in a lumber sleigh with  
his lady, homeward bound. Bro't up casks of beer to Fisk at the old  
Cushman stand - for cous. Nathan who bro't it from Troy on Sunday.  
Bo't on credit at Swift & Sons - 1 lb Y.H.Tea - 5/3 & 1 lb logw'd -6"  
In the eve'g read Gibbon





TUESDAY, JAN'Y 19 Singularly cloudy - faint thawy weath'r - Father marfhed to Algiers & bo't on credit of Peck & Norton 14 $\frac{1}{2}$  lbs beef at 6 cts pr lb - Errands in town were attended to by me. Bo't of Swift & Son 3 h. saw giller files at 10 cts on book - Had a contrivance for straining the wood saw fixed to the frame by S. Chandler - the handle of an old frying pan cut off and hammered out for a fire poker - doing both jobs came to 42 cts. Got saw filed by Capt E. Waters on cr - Called at J. Hicks' just before the Albany Stage went out - paid the Barkeeper 12 $\frac{1}{2}$  cts borrowed on Sunday by our father - Paid Mr Dexter 2/0 for mending 1 pr spectacles for mother and another like job for Mrs Duncan, which was so much overpaying her. Saw S.H. Brown, just returned from Utica - Reported that John E. Hinman had by a lucky match become vastly we rich - owned 40,000 acres land as valuable as B. Harwood's and S. H. farms. Went to the printing office - staid a good while - Saw Merrill & Hall busily engaged in preparing the statement of the Academy Committee in reply to James Ballard, late Principal of s'd Acad.

Went over to McEowens - found gen'l N. Weeks toasting his shins by the stove & G. Caldwell and J. S. Robinson playing dice - Enquired for the 2d V. of Gibbon - could hear nothing direct concerning it - Visited D. Robinson's Library - saw the 4th & 5th of s'd work - found a jar of ink well recommended - Marched to Mrs Jerusha's Robinson's and put her to the trouble of hunting up s'd book without success - saw a young lady there with whom conversed some on History - Moved along to Brown & Fay's - Bo't on credit one stone bottle or jar of ink for 21 cts - S. H. Brown was present, who on my stating that I had a small acc't against him, said I might recieve pay out of the store. J. S. Robinson came in - talked with him about Gibbon and his history, particularly the 15th Chap - to which however I had not yet arrived - he called himself a Unitarian.

Paid Col. Norton 20 cts which was in full for horse-shoeing - 83 cts - the other 63" was allowed on Mr Ayres' order - leaving a large discount on that Order - see first page of the narrow Acc't Book -

At the shop of H. Waters rec'd an axe lately helved - at Capt Waters' looked at Mr Hunter's Library - saw the Gazetteer of N. Hamp. Borrowed, or took upon my own responsibility as it was contrary to Mr H's orders to lend s'd books, an ancient Atlas to assist me in reading Gibb. Brought home a quantity of papers from the capt's - Evening read the Committees' Reply to J. Ballard.

WEDNESDAY, JAN'Y 21 Moderate winter weather - light snow - cldy - some fox-hunting going on. Assisted Tho's Kent with both teams getting 2 lds wood. Drew a long log of poplar for uncle Ayres - In the eve-





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ning paid fire contribution to A. Norton pr 2d son in 4 G's brandy and 15½ lbs cheese - might estimate the value at about \$3.00 - also let Chandler & Son by the same conveyance have 4 g's brandy, one of which went to pay up the arrearage mentioned Dec'r 17, the remainder to be charged on book. Sold David Black 1 qt brandy on short wr. Perused the interesting pages of Gibbon.

THURSDAY, JAN'Y 22 Cldy - some colder than on the 21st, rather moderate. Oiled harness - father stuck to the business of sawing wood. Sylvanus with his friends N. Duncan, Reynolds McGowan & Sam'l Fay attended dancing school in the evening -

In the course of the day Mrs G. Robinson had business with some of the loom apparatus. In the evening H. Waters came down and had my assistance in making out an estimate of the cost of building a house for U. M. Robinson - furnishing all materials, mason's department excepted - the result I do not exactly recollect, but think it was over \$620.00 Cous. Hiram Harwood from the N. part of the town with his sister Lovina came to see Diadama on business in her line. Lydia & D. visited at capt. Waters'.

FRIDAY, JAN'Y 23 Moderate - about noon pretty warm, cloudy, thawed slightly - sleighing spoiled almost totally in such low lands as Bennington & Hoosick. Spent the A.M. preparing for Hoosick - Just before 12 started off - Against D. Hubbell's took in our friend Sam Scott who continued with us to his house - was very sociable on the Academy difficulty - condemned the former teacher and his adherents in terms not decent to exhibit on paper - but as I had been impressed his opinion & mine on the subject did not vary much.

Between 2 and 3 P.M. arrived at H. Falls - Rec'd a very warm and friendly reception from Chatfield, wife, children & all - In the eve'g I believe the family were all together - Annis & Ellen had leave of absence from the Overseer of the Factory - late P.M. until next morning the usual hour - seemed to be pretty lively - everything going on nearly as it should. The main part of the eve'g spent at Esq Seth's looking at the Old Edinburgh Encyclopoedia, Map of N.Y. &c.

The general, for so our friend is usually styled in the Village, rec'd some company with whom he retired to his office whither I was invited. The first was Mr Hafford who came to meet others to consult on a kind of school house concern - waited awhile for the appearance of his colleagues and then took leave - the next was Esq Munsel who kept the ground until after I came away - he was another member of said committee and perhaps I was wanting in politeness in not quitting sooner.

Our gen'l had not long since arrived from a long tour to the W. even so far as to cross into Canada on the Niagara - Made one dangerous trip on Lake Erie to Dunkirk, Chatauqua Co., on business relating to the sale of his shearing machine.





SATURDAY, JAN'Y 24 Some flakes of snow were flying this morning - grew cold all day - wind N.W. - after breakfast walked with my lady up to the gen'ls - paid but a short visit - took a glass of wine - there had been a wedding celebrated here on the 15th eve'g - A Mr .....to Miss Virtue Ball - Gen & lady preparing to go to Pownal to see his father and his aged mother, father-in-law, Mr N.Eldred - Played flute, which I suppose amused the children - Returned down the Hill to our cous. cornelius Stone's and there held a very lively and pleas't discourse with his wife - our visit was nearly closed before he came in from some of the neighbors - enjoined it strongly upon them to visit us - promised they would.

Next went to H. Parsons where we were introduced to Elder Keech & lady - they appeared very familiar and interesting. Mrs K. had an infant son with her, a fine looking little fellow. Here we took dinner - Saw a Glassichord constructed by cous. Henry parsons. Mrs P., his aunt, shewed us some imitation fruits attached to shrubbery and vines of artificial construction - made of wax, paper &c that was really curious. She had been learning the art of the old maid Sally Noble of Hoosick.

From P's went to view the looms and other curious machinery in the Cott. Factory where everything was going on wonderfully lively and we may presume profitably - These things are quite beyond my comprehension I knew as little of the principles of Mechanism adter visiting such a place as if I had never (almost as bad as that) seen the interior of a Factory - neverthe less the curiosity always interests me and whenever chance comes in my way - take pleasure in improving it. Feeling anxious to see their water-wheels went below stairs where I soon perceived from an unpleas't odour to what use the departm't was dedicated - however I made out to find what I wished to see and made a safe retreat, not however without being followed accidentally by one young damsel & meeting at the threshold as I cam up stairs 3 or 4 more who appeared much surprised and scattered like pigeons on seeing so strange a sight. I have not been quite correct in the order of time in our visits. It was before we went to H. Parsons' that I entered the Factory. Friend Hiel lent me the History of the Greek Revolution to read. A good map accompanied it, but did not borrow it. Late P.M. made a brief call upon Mrs Dorr the eldest daughter of our cousin Cornelius, who introduced me to her son Isaac a very fair well looking young man who perhaps 17 yrs of age - They had had 10 children - the youngest 4 weeks old - were married in Sept. 1808. Invited her to get her husband, whom I had not the pleasure of seeing, to bring her to Bennington for a visit - She did not promise very sure on account of being so much occupied with her family, but expressed a sincere desire to come - told her to send along the children, said she would. After closing a very pleasing little excursion to the Falls arrived here expeditiously and safely in the eve'g - Damia rode home from E. Waters with us - H.W. also came down - Wrote so some for him. Left directions with cous. H. Parsons for making curd mill - not to cost over \$3.00







SUNDAY, JAN'Y 25 Mild, cldy, wind S. On turning to my minutes find it set down as cold. Busy writing for H. Waters. A part of our family went to church, Diadama includ'd, instesd of return ing thence was xarried to P.Harwood's Esq's to execute some business in her line. Mr Bliss bro't me a packet of papers & bo't 6" worth Essence of Life. S.W.Daniels returned from his fathers where he went on Saturday.

MONDAY, JAN'Y 26 Thawy & rainy - particularly P.M. When not engaged at thr wood-pile, read Gibbon and wrote acc'ts. S.W.Daniels was a Spectator at Andrew's Dancing School this evening.

TUESDAY, JAN'Y 27 Stormy, rain & snow intermingled in the after part of the day. No out door work of much value carried on. Took up a bbl of pork which was partially injured - salt & brine taken out - repacked in another bbl - new brine made & poured into s'd cask scalding hot - hoping thereby to restore it to its goodness. Read a part of Gibbons' 15th Cahapt - saw nothing bad in it - wrote Jour'l.

WEDNESDAY, JAN'Y 28 Fine new snow, enough to make good sleighing except such places as were stript bare by wind - cold & searching wind from N.W. Children were carried to school with the exception of Hopkins whose boots or boot I got mended at the shop of J. Harwood and son James, who for mending that and a little for B. Harwood charged 14 cts - Visited Post Office - Looked at books and maps as usual - Saw Col Merrill, W. Haswell, Gen H. Robinson and others - they had some jar respecting laws regulating the observance of the Sabbath - the majority agreed it would be kept as well without the aid of law. Mr Senator Johnson's Report against petitions in favor of altering post office laws so as to prevent the mail being carried or opened on the Sabbath - had just come to hand and was thought to be first rate - unan swrable - Tried to find the 2d Vol of Gibbon but without success - Visited the office of D. Robinson who shewed me the Koran - came home - supped - drove horse & cutter to the school house for S.W.Daniels who visited the Dancing School in Pow'l at Whipples' Corners - tarried over night at her fathers'. Borrowed Spectator, N.Y. paper, at maj. L. Norton - Jan 9 & 13 - Maj gone over the M't - Evening read history & papers.

THURSDAY, JAN 29 Pleas't, but cold - especially at night. Assisted in fixing up things at the barn & sawee wood. S.W.D. returned here.

FRIDAY, JAN'Y 30 Clear & very cold, wd N. Father was ill. Sylvanus and myself worked on the wood pile. W.S. & G.W. Southworth came up last evening and tarried with us all night - the latter was much indisposed from aching head & teeth - much recovered this m'g - kept no school this day - Sylvanus carried him to Fay 's this morning in order that he might get some articles of clothing &c to carry with him on his journey home on the morrow with his brother (S.W.D. exchanged)





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Our cutter was exchanged with neighbor E. Fay for his 2 h. sleigh. In this thing we went to Mr A. Gleason's - more than 1 mile N. of Shaftsbury Meeting house - main road. Found all in good health, boys & girls present excepting our friend Lawson - Busy most of the evening read'g papers - the Gov'r of N.Y. Mess'e formed the principal article. Mr Beers obliged us with his company - wore no coat. Going up called at capt P. Harwood's for Diadamia, whose business would not omit of her joining the party. The evening air was truly searching and severe - a gentle breeze prevailed from N.E. Returned home past 12.

SATURDAY, JAN'Y 31 Sound freezing cldy weather cont'd. The wood pile chiefly employed us, but the severity of the morning prevent'd us, or formed some excuse for not sticking more closely to business. The illness of father kept him within doors till past noon when he took his saw with which he wrought 2 or 3 hours valiantly - Daniels waited upon Lydia to capt. Waters - Sally & children to Algiers - returned with histools from J. Harwood's and his company a little after dark. Mrs Kent paid Mother a visit. H. Waters staid over night here.

SUNDAY, FEB'Y 1 Clear & cold, more especially in the morning. Attended some to reading. Executed the usual task for H. Waters - likewise Journalized as heretofore. Lydia was conveyed to meeting by our hon'd father, ret'd with information that the Rev'd D. A. Clark seemed to direct his course mainly to the Infidel part of his audience. Sylvanus at night went on an expedition to Sage's City for Lorenzo Ayres'. Mr A. engaged to pay 50 cts for said service - S.W.D. demanded & next morning rec'd 1/0 cash.

MONDAY, FEB'Y 2d Chilly cldy - snowed some tow'ds eve'g. Chopping by Sylvanus and sawing pr self employed the day - Father unwell, took care of cattle etc - Perused maps - Southworth's arrived from their father's in Dorset. Miss Diadamia 29 yrs old this day.

TUESDAY, FEB'Y 3 Sharp & cold from N.W. violent drifting gusts from that point of the compass. Children & school maps transported to the school house - thought it rather too tedious to continue business without doors - Drove for town, carrying Lydia & Sally to neighbor Andrew's - Visited the Post O. - Procured the 10th Vol of Shakespeare in which is the Play of Othello - Bo't at Swift & Son's writing books on cr. price 250 cts - exchanged 13 cts worth soda for a large shaving brush. At Capt E. Waters' returned Mr Hunter's Ancient Atlass. Performed a task in the eve'g writing for H. Waters. Maj L. signed for the Gazette this day.

WEDNESDAY, FEB'Y 4 Another cold day - Tolerably clear & pleas't - Many sleighrides were performed from town to Hoosick, Shaftsbury & Pownal. Waited upon H. Waters & his bills in the morning. A certain sleigh box finished in 1815 with the exception of seats and paid for as whole pr E. Waters - was transported to his shop & deposited in his barn for completion.







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H. Waters rode up street with me to his brother's - Got horse shoe set at Chandler's, price 29 cents - Bo't of Swift & Sons goods on Cr. to the amount of \$1.10 - Soap, whip &c - the latter was set down at 58 cts At Fisk's saw J. Murphy - E. Montague and our good friend John Phelps at McEowens' - promised us a visit - Capt A. Dimmick appeared to be ab't quite active for a man of upwards of 80 - Made an unsuccessful enquiry at J. Nelson's respecting a hired girl, or how to obtain one. Mrs N. seemed to have company - one of the ladies seemed to be severe on the subject - intimated that girls wre made scarce by being placed below their proper station - I allowed the assertion to be generally true, but not to apply in our case - We in true Democratic style considered our girls, if their characters were fair, as good as ourselves. Halted at Capt Waters' - had saw filed - the captain was warmly engaged in making a washing machine.

This evening received a most excellent visit from our friends above mentioned and their ladies including Capt W. & his lady. Montague had his youngest boy with him. Must mention seeing Mary H. Buck and her brother W. C. Campbell this P.M. at the P.O. who were in good health.

THURSDAY, FEB'Y 5 Very cold morning - cldy & cold all day. Conveyed 1 bbl cider to E. Waters' to pay for young Elisha's gathering fruit for us last fall. Agreed to furnish Capt W. with 20 bhl potatoes at 25 cts - payable on short cr. in money. Rec'd on contract at Swift & Son's 14½ bbls Ind. corn at 50" payable first of April Bo' 19" worth velvet and 2 small cott Flaf hdkfs for 36" - Mr Paddock sold them from 15 to 19 lbs butter at 14 cts - took his pay in goods - Edward H. gone on business to Troy with H. Waters - Conveyed to McWains mill the corn aforesaid - Bo't ½ bhl wheat at 13/0 Y'k - paid for it - the same was ground without bolting. McW. informed me that last Fall as he passed on the Canal through Utica he saw our good friend W. Haff who with his family resided in that City - Corn could not be gr'd until next day - Came up to Mr Nathaniel Hall's and bo't 2 bbls wint. wheat at \$1.75 - money down - stored it there until next day. Borrowed in the morning of Swift & Son \$3.00. Of E. Waters rec'd pay in full for 15½ lbs buckwheat flour. Mrs A. Waters accompanied me home from the capt's in preparation for the S.

FRIDAY, FEB'Y 6 Fair and very fine - Fixed off to mill as expeditiously as possible - left 1 bhl potatoes at E. Waters'. Rec'd wheat at Mr Hall's - but in throughing the bag when arrived at the mill, over the miller's shoulder, unluckily the mouth of the bag opened by being tied too loose and let out nearly half of it on the ground & into the sleigh, the ground being covered with ice & snow enabled me to gather up most of it - took that which was mixed with snow & ice over to Stevens' barn to run it through a fanning mill, but theirs being out of repair went on to the





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old mathers house and there assisted by Mr Milliman's hired man had it cleaned so as to be tolerably decent - afterwards it was suffered to pass through a long screen in the mill by which it was rendered about fit to be ground - Reckoned my loss to be from 25 to 33 cents.

Saw at M's a grand hog-pen, roof over the whole in which they said there were thirty six hogs. Farming business appeared to be carried on here in a large scale - kept many sheep - but they were in my opinion in low order - They raised a large crop of barley the past season. Saw at the mill, from White Creek, 2 pretty smart men, one of whom had lost his left leg above the knee - named Bristol - a taylor by occupation - related to me several little anecdotes of losses he had met with similar to mine. Being once at Sage's City, bo't a gall jug - had it filled with molasses - before he had ridsen 2 miles, the box of the cutter in which he rode was suddenly twitched off - away went jug, molasses & all Last Spring with a neighbor went to Shaftsbury Hollow to buy shoats - they procured two very fine ones for which they paid five and six dollars a piece - it happened to be his lot to take the lightest - and when they got home behold his hog was totally dead - Said he never suffered a loss of property that grieved him more. The gentleman who accompanied Mr B. was named Sisson. A young man belonging to McWains shop assisted Mr Stone this day in the mill on account of the poor health of the latter. Invited Mr S. very earnestly to pay us a visit which he promised to do - Grist ground by 2 P.M. - Carried off with flying colors - Bo't at Swift & Sons' pr of socks, 5/6 & 3 lbs nails, 27" on book

I need not be at the trouble of stating how much pains I took to procure a buffaloe skin to accommodate us on our southern route. Rode S. & N. but none could I raise - Uncle S. Robinson at Hicks' beset me to purchase of a pedlar some clover seed- but I was so unprepared that I could not attend to it - Borrowed of Swift & Son \$5. in money. The evening was devoted to preparation for our journey. W.S. Southworth waited upon Misses C. & M. Waters late as 9 or 10 at night. Mrs Manchester on the 3rd and Mrs Brown on the 4th inst. had each a female infant added to their families. Mr B. was absent at the N., say at Charlotte.

SATURDAY, FEB'Y 7 Pleasant & mild in the morning - some cldy - P.M.

w'd S. or S.E. - Thawed moderately - Very early visited Mr Bliss who for the promise of  $\frac{1}{2}$  gal brandy let me have his son-in-law, Mr Hunters buffaloe to go with to Barrington - Obtained a tolerably early start in Deac. Fay's sleigh - made a short halt at Jordan's, lower end of Williamstown - worst of the sleighing found this side of the dug-way and N. p't W'mstown. Next stop was made at Blind Luce's - S. of Pittsfield Village - from whence drove some pretty mean sleighing to Esq Goodrich's, Stockbridge by about half past 7 in the evening. We received the kindest treatment - the family appeared glad to see Mrs Waters. Young Ann our cousin seemed to enjoy herself very agreeably and was entertaining and interesting in conversation. I read newspaper awhile and then played the flute which peculiarly gratified Mr Goodrich's young







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nephew & neice, two pretty orphan children under , Esq G. appeared to have but three sons in his family - the eldest named Horace, 2d Samuel & the third I have forgotten - all active, young & enterprising - their Mother was also industrious and sustained a fine reputation, as a good house wife, kind neighbor & philanthropist. At the close of a long & pleas't evening we retured. The young Master & Miss were named Moses & Mary Goodrich.

SUNDAY, FEB'Y 8 A hollow S.E. wind prevailed which brought on a violent rain early in the evening. After breakfast having viewed the cider house, beehives and obtained some idea of the extent of their farm - with widow Waters took leave for the residence of our venerable uncle E. & aunt S. Taylor near Barrington mountain - found them in as comfortable circumstances as could be expected - they had been severely indisposed - were now much better - We tarried as long as the time would permit - a thaw being at hand we were under the necessity of clearing immediately for Bennington - so we took an affectionate leave of them and the widow, whose spirits were quite elevated for her, about 10 A.M. - Got to Lenox Meeting House as they were ringing the bell for P.M. service - Halt again at the Blindman's - The old gent appeared feeble - had arrived at upwards of sixty years of age - appeared in that respect to have the advantage of his lady from 25 to 30 years - She was his 2d wife - had been married about ten years - had a little boy about 5 years of age, bright in his intellect as any child - could read quite well in the N. Testament, but by misfortune a sort of tumor or some such thing had commenced growing out of his back a few inches higher than the hips - She had another son by a former marriage who had suffered much in his limbs - could not walk without limping a good deal.

No more can be said of Mr Blindman & family - I write too slowly and compose too bunglingly to throw away time in this way.

Came on up to New Ashford, had talked some of taking Cheshire & Adams in our route, but the weather threatened us so terriffically that we gave up that project entirely - this side the meeting house in the town first named we took the new road as it is called which is carried through a valley instead of crossing the hill on the E. as formerly.

Not far from this place night shut down upon us and to make it still more dreary and comfortless it commenced raining powerfully, or perhaps it might more properly be said, furiously - as the quantity of rain was not of so much mom't as the manner of its beating against us before a still N. Easter. Nine long miles were we obliged to encounter s'd storm before arriving at the place of destination. 8 o'clock put in wet at the house of Deac.





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Levi Smedley, Williamstown - were in every respect treated with generosity and kindness. Took a late supper - talked of many different subjects, but principally of roads - how they might be improved in respect of avoiding hills &c.

MONDAY, FEB'Y 9 Early in the morning the wind changed its direction and blew furiously from N.W. - converted the water standing in the roads and other places into ice. fair weather followed P.M. We arose tolerably early for visitors - The family were assembled for prayers - the old gentleman, being 3 or 4 months past 64, read the 9th Chapt. of Job assisted by his son James & grand-daughter Eliza - Made an appropriate and fervent address to the throne of Grace - and closed with remarks suited to the occasion. After interchanging all the usual civilities, among the rest not to forget our breakfast - took our departure - came by way of the first cross road this side the bridge over Green River - found poor sleighing below the foot of Pownal Mountain & even on a part of that it was bad - Arrived here past 9 P.M. with a whole skin. Saw friend Horace Dimmick near the end of the Lane who appeared to be in good spirits - said his brother had got in his logs into the S.mill -

Spent some time with our friend Winship & lady from Troy - the time seemed to be very agreeably passed away - They took leave for Mr Loomis' - engaging to call again if they should not return to Troy on the morrow.

In the evening G. W. Southworth, S.W. & Andrew Daniels attended Dancing School.

TUESDAY, FEB'Y 10 Cloudy - stormed early in the evening - Mr Southworth and the children were conveyed to the School house - Damia was with us and was gallanted to Mr Loomis' ~~shop~~ where they were provided with a young lady in her stead. Went to E.Fay's to enquire what would be his charge for the journey of his sleigh to Barrington? He refused taking anything for it - I thanked him and professed my willingness to return the favor - offered to exchange the sleigh for the cutter if it was his choice, but he did not wish to - was willing to accommodate and be accommodated - Col. Sibley was there making shoes - Saw and spoke with uncle Elijah - Drove with Sylvanus & Diadamia to Jewett's - Engaged to Miss Eunice 3 of our young calves as soon as they should arrive at 3 d ays old at fifty cents apiece - Ret'd home and sawed wood - father was unwell - Waited upon Diadamia into town - visited stores - went to the Post O. - took out a letter from our cous. Catherine from Attica - doing well - earnestly desired a reply Paid Postage 18 $\frac{3}{4}$ . We thought we would soon comply with her request.

WEDNESDAY, FEB'Y 11 Chilling S.E. wind - ended in a slight fall of ~~sne~~ snow from N.W. With our father rode up and viewed our Bank house, the joiner work of which had just been compleated - Mr Raymond, H.Waters, Mr Plumb and a resolute active gentleman past the prime of life from Ohio who seemed understand the business of building well - told how chimnies ought to be constructed to ensure them for carrying smoke.







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Looked into the Post Office - father who was partially ill paid a short visit to the Bar Room of McEowen - we then carried Diadama whom we had left at F. Blackmer's to J. Rogers' Algiers and proceeded to the old uncle Henry Walbridge place where we enjoyed a fine visit with Mr Bills an old Revolutionary officer, now about 87 years of age. His son in-law with his lady & a sister of his were absent on a short excursion into Hoosick. Old Mrs B., son Thomas & two grand-children under ten years of age were present. Mr B. retained his faculties remarkably and could relate very smartly the occurrences of a day fifty two years past - seemed much animated in going over those important but very heart-trying scenes - His relation was more particularly confined to the Tren, and Princeton affairs and the Battles with Burgoyne. We enjoyed ourselves deliciously perhaps three hours hearing his story - Lent him Gordon's America - he was as good in modern affairs as in ancient - could comment on passing events with the same ease that a man of thirty would in a similar way - promised him another visit; appeared very sound as to his bodily health but his legs for several years have been so affected with rheumatic or other complaints as to disable him from getting about much - made it a usual practice to walk with two staves. The government settled upon him a handsome pension which we must say was very justly bestowed. Mrs B. said her father was an elder brother of the late Tho's Jewett Esq - cousin of our Bennington Jewett'

Returning homeward met Mr Pool on his way home - halted and enquired whether I could engage his sister to make cheese for us the ensuing season - She did not return a very desive answer, but rather concluded in the negative as she supposed her brother would probably want her himself as he was calculating to take a dairy farm the present year

Came to Algiers and rec'd of Mr J. Rogers' D., where future visits were promised. Arrived here before sunset.

Before 7 in the evening Mr Gleason, lady & child came in from Shaftsbury & tarried with us over night.

THURSDAY, FEB'Y 12 Cold high N.W. wind. Mr Gleason was absent in Pownal collecting sheep that he had leased out two years since - many were missing - he rode with fr'd S.H.Brown. Learned that Mr E. Carpenter was unfortunate in the sale of his cheese, that the man whose note he held for the amount of \$200. had broken & absconded - his friend Brayton had likewise with his partner a heavy loss - say \$1000. Was sorry to hear this. Wrote a letter to the P. Master, Peru, Vt., to procure a hired maid the ensuing season. Sawed wood P.M.

Mrs Ayres & Mrs Kent paid a visit here to Mrs Gleason - Father remained much out of health.





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FRIDAY, FEB'Y 13 Cold and blowing from N.W. Mr G. & lady took leave - rode to Brown's with them - they called and I proceeded up street. At Dr Swift's (Noadiah's) informed the Dr that mother stood in need of his aid - he immediately turned out & granted her request with usual promptitude. Visited the Post O. where heard Mr Hull, the Proprietor of "The Journal of the Times" & D. Clark & Wm Haswell discourse on the subject of the removal of the P. Office - the matter appeared candid and determined - was willing the office should be removed, but was not to be driven by threats or otherwise. Mr H. did not suffer himself to be ruffled - appeared like a gentleman.

Left my letter to Mr P. Master Tuthill in which I introduced myself by way of D. Clark Esq - described the character and qualification of the girl desired - the Republican relation in which we hold such ladies, with other particulars including a request that he would reply to me on the subject, giving terms &c., within sixteen days.

At Brown & Fay's bo't on acc't - 1 pow'd keg - price 0/9 - of which afterwards a well bucket was made. Returned home - sawed wood - took care of cattle. H. Walbridge had a great walnut crack here this eve'g.

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~~THURSDAY~~, FEB'Y 14 Snowed lightly from N.W. Pretty busy tinkering up bucket - sawing some wood & fixing cheeses. Father continued out of health - was even sick. Late in the evening Henry Parsons arrived from Hoosick in a cutter - horse well strung with bells - left his uncle Hiel's hired girl at Col F. Brackenridges. W.S. Southworth visited us P.M. Staid at night with G. House.

SUNDAY, FEB'Y 15 Cold high wind from N. Dr N. Swift was early sent for - came & paid a long visit to father & mother - the former was said to be afflicted with the "St Anthony's fire".

S. H. Brown came over in very friendly style in the evening, entertained us very agreeably respecting Utica, Baltimore &c.

MONDAY, FEB'Y 16 Fair & fine - wind fresh from N. Signed a blank paper this morning, handed me by Mrs Kent, for the purpose of getting subscribers to build the good woman a house wherein she abd her 2 sons and daghter might reside - For excellent reasons, none against the wellfare and good fortune of the widow & family - my name was set to two dollars payable on team work and labor - The good old Proverb says - Be just before you are generous

Deliv'd to E. Waters 19 bhls potatoes. Went to see Rich'd Carpenter respecting his cow - he could not find her - put over the business to a future day - felt a slight attack of cholic.

Rec'd by the hand of E. Pool 19 bhls corn from Swift & Son - Miserable this night on account of a cholic.





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TUESDAY, FEB'Y 17 Excellent day for business, but none was carried on here except that which was necessary - Sick with cholic all day. Sylvanus was sent to the store of Swift & Son to get  $\frac{1}{2}$  lb salts - of these late in the day took a potion which after several hours produced a good effect. Father & mother getting better. Rec'd from uncle Sam'l Robinson, Cous. Sam'l & wife & Cous. Nathan L., this evening an entertaining visit. Our cous. from Troy had lately sold out his grocery and retired to the back part of the City. In compliance with my request had bo't me a very pretty buffaloe skin in which there were a few holes, not however of any essential consideration. Not finding such books as my order described, handed back the dollar with which he was to purchase them. Thanked him heartily for his services - to which I was made perfectly welcome by him. Endeavored to get them tomtarry all night but their engagements would not allow of it - Departed at ab't 9 o'clock - See last part of Saturday, Dec 27th.

WEDNESDAY, FEB'Y 18 Chilly wind from N. - Considerably recovered, though thought not quite up to sawing wood. Got saw filed at E. Waters' - bought a few light articles at Swift & Son's, amounting to 37 on acc't - paid \$3.00 borrowed money. Previous to leaving home had rec'd from H. Hall pr Lady \$2.43" for  $34\frac{3}{4}$  lbs cheese & 7 cts tow'ds 20 lbs buckwheat flour at  $2\frac{1}{2}$  cts pr lb.

Walked up to view Mr Carpenter's cow - she was produced, but appearing low in flesh, having lost the major psrt of one of her horns - age being about eight, which last was no serious objection however - her figure was so much under what I had conceived of it from description, in that also Mr C. could not be accused of trying to exaggerate, that I would not make a bid upon her. Got him to say what his price was, to which he replied \$23.00 I told him if his cow had suited me exactly, could not have paid for her more than \$20.00

Visited the office of H. Kellogg to find the 2d Vol of Gibbon but without success. Dr N. Swift complained of want of money - had lately come to a final settlement with Sam'l H. Brown respecting land for which there was due about \$164.00.

Returned home and enjoyed a small part of a short from J. Rog's & lady. Mrs Waters in company.

THURSDAY, FEB'Y 19 Clear & cold wind N. Saw wood - fodder cattle &c Our father could venture out by ~~we~~ being well bundled up. Perused the Tragedy of Othello this evening.

FRIDAY, FEB'Y 20 Cloudy cold morning - P.M. there commenced gradually a storm of snow which ere it wound up became pretty serious. Busy at the wood pile until past noon. - left off P.M. on account of storm - Read newspapers - Rec'd pr John Sibley sixteen bhls





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Indian corn on contract with Swift & Son. Mr Enos Rudd came down with friend S. - was nearly fifty years of age but had never before visited our house - invited him to renew his visit - solicited one from S. & his lady who was a distant relative on my father's side - they drank some brandy to subdue their chills - made complimentary promises & were off. Finished reading Othello this evening.

SATURDAY, FEB'Y 21 Continued snowing & blowing from W.N.W. until past noon - should pronounce the most severe storm of the kind experienced the present season. A grand exhibition of drifts followed of course. No business going forward more than the daily task to looking to stock, horses, sheep, swine & poultry. Sylvanus rode to town late in the day. G.W. Southworth favored us with a visit. S.W.D. procured for him the first Vol. of Bissett's Hist. of the R. of Geo. 111". In the evening perused over again the forepart of Gibbon's 15th Chapt.

SUNDAY, FEB'Y 22 High flying blue sort of weather, sternly cold. Great snow drifts rendered it pretty difficult getting ~~ab~~ about in certain parts of the town & I presume it was so in all high grounds through an extensive district of our country at this time - The usual drudgery having been performed, commenced & nearly completed writing a long letter to our aunt & cousins of Attica, N.Y. Cous Albert is thanked & complimented for his letter of last May - and his sister for hers of Jan'y 23d - the remainder is filled with an account of such incidents of late occurrence among the people of Bennington as would seem most interesting to them. Our good friend W.S. Southworth had business with us in the evening.

MONDAY, FEB'Y 23d Clear & very cold - Sylvanus conveyed himself & children to school by means of oxen & sled. Assisted a youngster in the employment of general Robinson, in digging away snow from one of our large gates that it might be opened - During this operation the young fellow's team, two yoke of oxen, which was halted near the door turned round and made off down the lane, while Mr Elkins, his companion, a man of perhaps 45, stood almost motionless, very near them without offering to prevent their escape, seemingly afraid of showing too much condescension - the sight of which so stirred me up, that although it was none of my business, yet could I not suppress the Yankee enough to keep from telling the man what I thought of him in this instance. He offered something in defence, but poor man his voice was so much in his throat, that the possession of 100 tongues would not have made him an orator. The boy soon recovered his team and they proceeded across our South Meadows to the general's woods without further difficulty. The lane west of the barnyard was filled with snow to such a rate as to render it impassable without digging through it.

After long preparation as usual with me, got into the sleigh with







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our friend H. Waters - Drove to Mr Ayres' - took passengers, an aged stranger who tarried with Mr A. over night - rather loquacious - some acquainted about here - called the Wide World his home - was now bound to White Creek, N.Y. - and Mrs Kent - these were landed near Patchin's Paid respects to the P. Off. - heard gen. Robinson relate some particulars of Bennington Battle. Carried grist of corn & rye to Walbridge's mill for wid. K. who bo't the same of L. Patchin & Co. Called on Mr Thomas and engaged him to have in readiness my corn on Thursday next. Looked at a young cow partly for sale - She appeared quite pretty. Returned in season to converse a little time with our ancient friend Sam'l Stanton and his mother. The former was now a respectable citizen of New Lisbon, N.Y. - driving at blacksmithing & farming. In 1794, this gentleman, then in his 17th year, was a hired man to my father, his behaviour commanded the esteem of his employer and thus commenced the happy acquaintance which holds to this day. Our friend and his aged mother took leave about sunset.

TUESDAY, FEB'Y 24 Comparatively pleas't - cloudy, thawed a little - rain was expected - wind E. Business called me by way of the School-house to Algiers - got horses shod, no, agreed with H. Norton to shoe horses for me another day - Visited the shop of J. ~~W~~ Harwood & left work - returned to the house of my friend J. Norton and soon had sight of Elisha Smith a former school fellow of mine whom I had not seen since the summer of 1817 - Resided in the town of Attica, N.Y. - a respectable farmer there - left his wife and 7 children in good health. At J. Norton's we were very sociable and by invitation accompanied me home - and here we enjoyed three or four hours most delightfully talking of a variety of subjects - more especially the affair of Capt. Morgan and Masonry in general, which last he could handle adroitly. After dinner, having received an excellent visit from him, waited upon our friend to J. Loomis' in the sleigh - found it some difficulty getting up the road below the house - Mr L. was not in health, felt as if he should get better soon. Returning from L's called at the School-house - waited until the close of the school and then brought a load of scholars along the way.

WEDNESDAY, FEB'Y 25 Ought to correct my account of the weather on Tuesday - It was snowy P.M. - some cold -





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It was this day that it was thawy - wind E. cloudy, rain expected &c. Visited Algiers - had to wait for work at Mr Harwood's - During the time Mr H. Norton shod the horses, Price \$1.10. Bo't of Peck & Norton 6 $\frac{1}{4}$  lbs beef - Procured the Gazette at the office - and at the store of Swift & Son bo't 1 G. molasses, N.Orleans, price 44 cents - Came across T. C. Parsons, who was pretty lively and rode home with me - took supper talked of this & that & marched back to town in order to ride to the Falls with gen'l Davis.

THURSDAY, FEB'Y 26 The great snow storm which commenced on Wednesday night continued most of this day - blowing occasionally pretty heavily - but I am too fast - the storm ceased so as not to be tedious P.M. - Much snow lay upon the ground. Rode to Mr Thomas' & rec'd the full of my contract for corn, 25 bushels, gave up due bill to young Thomas (See Dec'r 17) Conveyed 16 bbls said stuff to Walbridge's mill - not to mention a half bhl rec'd at Swift & Son's which fulfilled the contract with them on their part. At W'S saw Maj Haynes' & Mr G. White - The latter talked of the great wealth of the late John Brown of Providence, R.I., Returned home early in the evening.

FRIDAY, FEB'Y 27 The wind blew most violently from N.W. filling the atmosphere at times with snow - raising drifts of immense magnitude in all directions. No business going on - took good care of stock &c Children did not attend school from our house - Delia Loomis here on a visit. Mr Andrews gave his Public School on the ev'g of the 25th. This last blow very cold.

SATURDAY, FEB'Y 28 Tolerably calm - wind N. Cold at night. Dug out our lane so as to get to the road assisted by Sylvanus who P.M. went to his father's in Pow'l. Drove oxen and sled up & down the lane a few times. Having about finished waiting the numerous mouths dependent upon me for a living marched to the store of Dr S. & Son, borrowed \$11 for one week and settled taxes for 1828, due first of March 1829 - Cousin N. Robinson had paid in orders four dollars eighty nine cents, leaving a balance of \$10.51 which I now paid at the store of F. Blackmer & Co., to Reub. Robinson, the Collector; his father, P. Dewey, B. Squires & perhaps somebody else present. Agreed to sell capt P. Harwood all my March calves not already engaged 3 days old at 1 bhl corn pr head - Montague wanted to contract with me, but could not, for want of milk. Dr N. Swift paid a long visit here this evening - prescribed for father and mother, both. W.S. Southworth paid us his respects - talked of Antimasonry





- 1829 SUNDAY, MARCH 1 Cold, wind N.W. Busy most of the day taking care of stock. Sylvanus visited in Pownal. W.S. Southworth came down to view the old establishment. Had but little time to read. Nobody went from our house to Church.
- MONDAY, MARCH 2 Pleasant, good sleighing. Carried to McWain's  $2\frac{1}{2}$  bh rye & 5 do oats - returned thence bringing the corn of Ind. meal of  $16\frac{1}{2}$  bhls from Walbridge's. Understood Geo Walbridge had a cow which he wanted to dispose of but did not go to look at her because his price was \$25. Sylvanus W. Daniels commenced work at the wood-pile.
- TUESDAY, MARCH 3 Pleasant and warm, w'd S., hazy. It was thawy. Conveyed 6 bhls rye to McWaine's mill - had it ground immediately - during which visited the house of John Stevens. Read the N. Y. Statesman in which was a list of Gen'l Jackson's New Cabinet. Stevens shewed me an old cow that I should have guessed was 12 or 15 years old - large size - that he would sell for \$25. Departed the mill past noon bringing home both grists - Bo't at Swift & Son's \$1.15 goods, including 1 shaker wire sieve. At home found Mr J. Field & lady on a visit. In the evening with wife and sisters paid a visit to Green Potter & lady, Pownal - found them in health - Mrs Duncan was of our party. A. Potter & Rufus Gardner came there - I played the flute. The snow was so drifted in the road that a part of the way we were obliged to travel in the lots - could only walk the horses all the way beyond the main road - very bad travelling. Partly bargained for a cow - they said she might go at \$22. Dun line back, white face, six years old, good size.
- WEDNESDAY, MARCH 4 Cloudy, thawy - rained moderately. Sylvanus was sent to bring home the aforesaid cow which was highly recommended - said she would calve about the first of April. Borrowed \$20. of one person and of another \$2. which enabled me to pay down for the beast - S.W. had no misfortune - liked the purchase pretty well. I thought \$20. would have been more near what she was actually worth. Our friend H. Dimmick came over to see us - conversed a good while - wanted I should go and see a cow he wanted to sell - Gave her a high recommend - said she was worth \$20.00 - Engaged to look at her. Sawed some wood and dug snow away from gates. Rec'd visits from H. Waters, W. P. & G. W. South. - with the first made a final settlement, by which found due me \$100.74 which he paid on the spot. Jackson guns were fired up in our Center Village - N. end.
- THURSDAY, MARCH 5 Commenced storming moderately early in the day - thawy & rainy - afterwards changed to snow.





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wind blew violently in the evening - Drifted pretty badly. Rode on horseback to H. Dimmick's accomp'd by S. W. Daniels to view his cow - Got along pretty well by of Burrell Green's old Reynold's place through the Curtis woods to Merchant's - thence to D's across lots - E. of the road it was quite bad travelling. D. was not at home - gone to Bushnell's Seth Palmer barn. We saw and passed judgment on his cow which was about 5 years old - in bad plight - not very flattering color - small size - S. thought he would not be willing to pay over \$12½ for her - I considered \$16 a high price - in fact I did not want her among our cows at any price - Still I might greatly err in judgment -

We turned a short corner and came home in the rain - at D's saw the old capt. & young Abel. P.M. worked at splitting and piling wood. Lost a pair of deerskin mittens which I bo't in Troy, Oct. 21, 1828 - See that date.

Hopkins was bro't home from school - Adeline was on a visit at Mr Loomis'.

FRIDAY, MARCH 6 High wind & seriously cold this morning - some more moderate as the day advanced - but pretty col - Rode in sleigh with Sylvanus to the school house - left Hopkins there and proceeded to Smith's through bad drifts - made a halt at Pomeroy's conversed sometime - enquired the number of children there to be entered on the present year's list. P. had 3 and Williams' wife 3 - continued our jaunt through some pretty deep drifts to Algiers - had boots & shoes mended by J. Harwood - price 25 cts which was paid down.

Saw Martin B. Scott, H. Ray & one of the Greenslets there - Rode to the Post Office - on my return called at Dr Swift's & Sons - bo't on cr. 1 lb bar soap at 12½" - rec'd & paid for 3" worth soda - Sent to H. Hall & obtained the 2d Vol of Gibbon's Rome - Continued foddering cattle at the stack. Mother's health was quite poor - Dr Swift - Noadiah - gone to Boston.

SATURDAY, MARCH 7 Really fine & pleas't after a cold morning. Choppin and sawing wood and feeding cattle constituted our employm't. O.W. Daniels came up from Pownal to visit us - paid me in full \$3.00 boot money between cows as mentioned Dec'r 31 -

G. House brought down Mrs P. Waters for a little visit - Caroline came before her Mother with H. Blackmer - Those ladies with Damia and Adeline conveyed home - the 2 last went with me up street - D. bo't 6½ yds calico for mother's night gown at Swift & Son's, \$1.63" on credit. At the Post Office saw many gent's of my acquaintance - U. Edgerton S. Scott, O. C. Merrill &c. Bo't on cr. of D. Clark 1 copy Eng. Reader Improved - price 62½ cents -

Returned home before dark - Adeline was with me at the P.O. - bo't s'd b'k for her.

Rec'd company - Eben Gleason, N. Duncan, & H. Waters.

Swapped away the handsome cow, called Dark Line with Mr Moon, her age being 12 for a young cow of his, dark brown, raised by D. Henry of this town, 6 yrs old - no boot either way.







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Mr M. wanted our cow for her milk - his would not calve until about the last of April or beginning of May.

On Sunday evening friend Montague rec'd 2 bbls cider, racked off, for the sum of two dollars - Resolved not to dispose of any more so low Mr J. Duncan tarried with us that night. H. Duncan came from M's in a sleigh for s'd cider.

SUNDAY, MARCH 8 Fair, high wind & cloudy. Eben Gleason was off early. O.W. Daniels & Nelson Duncan tarried until nearly night. Dr H. Swift visited mother - Made some remarks on the New Cabinet in under-rating style. Dr S. came twice to the assistance of our mother - Lucy Street came the last time. H. W. & our friend G.W.S. entertained us with their company. Perused Gibbons' 16th Chapter in part.

MONDAY, MARCH 9 Very fine, but thawy - wind N. Employed at sawing wood - Tho's Kent 2/3ds of the day chopping wood-pile. Sylvanus was occupied with horse, oxen & sled in transporting a load of boards from Algiers, furnished by T. Hills on donation list, to the old Mackey place, which our friend J. Norton calculated to deed to our good widow - being the first load of wood drawn to the spot - towards paying for such service did Thoas labor as above. See Acc't Book of this date -

Dr H. Swift visited mother late P.M. accomp'd by his lady who, although bred & born in Bennington, had never been at this house before

TUESDAY, MARCH 10 The sky was not much obscured but the air was extremely piercing - wind strong in the S.

The business of Monday continued with the exception of teaming. Tho's Kent assisted  $\frac{1}{2}$  a day. Going to E. Waters to get my saw filed or rather to get one that had been filed - rode a short distance with V.D. spiegel & lady. Made a short trip - met G. House bound N. with a load of wood beyond the house of S. H. Brown - Father & Lydia took a ride to Algiers - thence to Sam'l Robinson's, by way of the New Road.

Miss Lydia Edgerton and daughter Caroline paid mother a visit - brought news of the sudden decease of our relative & fair friend, Mrs Nancy Field - the affectionate partner of Mr Jesse F. in her 68th year. Her sickness was of very short standing - was taken ill on Sunday evening & expired about 4 o'clock this morning - She was the youngest daughter of Mr Martin Dewey - 2nd brother of my Grandfather Abner Dewey.

Cousin Nathan L. & Emily Robinson just returned from a visit to Granville, Rupert &c. came here this P.M. - the latter was left with us while cous. N. L. went home.

Mr Joseph Watson, a neighbour of ours in 1814, died on the 4th inst. aged 63 - sick but a few hours.

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WEDNESDAY, MARCH 11 S. wind, thawy & cloudy - Woodpile employs Sylvanus assisted by T. Kent  $\frac{1}{2}$  day. Sold E. Waters 1 bbl racked cider for which rec'd pay in money \$1.25. P.M. attended the funeral of Mrs Field - Mr Clark preach'd from Psalms 5th., 62.

Mr A. Bingham made one of his most devout, interminable prayers Transacted business at the store of Swift & Son. Borrowed of Ed. H. a Vol. of the Encyclopoedia - 24th No. - Perused the article Miracle in the evening. Cousin Em. Rob. having attended the funeral with us, was summoned home by her brother Henry who said cousin had been seized more violently than usual. Father saw a sick day.

THURSDAY, MARCH 12 More or less rainy & thawy through the day - Very a uneasy travelling. Business not important at home. Rode up street on horseback most uncomfortably - disliked my beast for such service beyond all comparison. Bo't things at S. & Son's as entered on book against E. Harwood & Son under this date - Dr S. had just returned from Boston where he had redeemed more than \$100,000 Bennington money which had accumulated there within little more than three months last past - concluded it was best to suspend discounts at present. Bro't with him several pairs of India Rubbers over-shoes which sold off pretty fast. Lawyer Squires was pressed and bo't a pair for his grand daughter, Georgiana Hubbell.

Henry F. Dewey, of the firm of Dewey & Woodworth, Chairmakers, was this day married to Miss Emma Loomis, daughter of Mr Jesse Loomis, S. part of Bennington, by the Rev'd D. A. Clark.

FRIDAY, MARCH 13 Continued storming from N.W. fine snow until a late hour in the morning - wind heavy and coming by gusts Our thaw ceased - Snow considerably reduced in quantity - However the great banks were yet very formidable - Perhaps we never experienced a season in which the wind sported more wantonly with the snow than during the present.

On my way to town called at Mr J.C. Andrews's & rec'd pay in full for Pork and butter \$15.42 - gave Mrs A. my receipt for the same -

At Swift & Son's bo't 1 bbl timothy seed for which paid money - \$1.75 - bo't on cr. 1 Gal. Molasses 44" - Asked the doc. respecting money - said he supposed I might obtain a sum of Quackenbush, Hoosick, N.Y

Returned home and assisted in finishing for the present the business of chopping & sawing wood. Early this morning, mother being in extreme distress, sent for Doct. S. who attended promptly and administered relief.

SATURDAY, MARCH 14 Inexpressibly tedious - furious gusts were continuously puffing out of the N.W. - Both hobby & icy - bad sleighing - had 1 h. shoe set at Chandler & Sons - price 10" - Waited a good while at the store of Swift & Son's for the return of the Doct. from a visit to Norm Norton - Read some articles of interest in the Encyclopoedia. Rexford Williams







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and others were present - the former was greatly astonished to see the Ind. Rubber shoes. Visited the Post Office & rec'd a letter from Daniel Tuthill Esq handsomely acknowledging the receipt of mine of the 13th ult. in which he tells me that he could hear of no girl of the description wanted - perhaps I may copy it at some leisure hour - at any rate I was pleased with it. He wrote that if he should find such an one he would write me.

Returned home in season to assist in looking after barn affairs.

Cousin P. sent by his son Hiram 2 bags of corn the measure of which our cous. could not ascertain - nor did we measure it - relying on the word of capt. Perez.

Let them have the calf of the Potter cow aged 4 days on contract - Feb. 28 - H. Waters came down in the evening as usual.

SUNDAY, MARCH 15 Most extremely cold in the morning - remained so until past noon - became more mild P.M. Some hazy wind stiff N.W. Journal, papers & Gibbons were subjects that amused me Dr Swift visited mother - They went to meeting - H. Waters and O.W. Daniels paid their respects to us.

MONDAY, MARCH 16 Cold, hazy in the morning - Snowy P.M. in a small degree - wind N.E. Started for York State - Called on Mr Andrews to see if he was going to have money to let - could not ascertain exactly what he could do until the end of a fortnight.

Went on to Dr Swift's and there rec'd a line from the Doct. to Mr Quackenbush of Hoosick, N.Y. signifying that he would become responsible for whatever sum I might hire of him. Marched on snow banks and through the lots to Mr Austin Harmon's, here viewed their stock of cows which were down by a stack W. of Kelly's. Were not in first rate order - hay appeared to be wasted - calves were suffered to run at large with the cows. Mr H. was with Mr Kelly and John Pierce going to the woods to select a tree for P. to chop - heard the bargain - price \$3.00 for a pretty handsome maple. Spent much time because I felt diffident respecting my errand - but at last when the others were away made bold to ask the question. He said he wanted to borrow himself - was paying away his money as fast as he could get it to pay for his Young Farm - but if he had it would oblige me with it as soon as anyone - Pushed on and arrived at Mr Sherwood's about noon - saw his son and another young fellow sawing oak with a cross cut saw - Looked at cattle - walked over to Q's barn where his boys were employed in dressing flax - their father had been gone from home an hour - Mr S. accomp'd me - returned with him across his pleas't farm - very particularly viewed his cows & other stock which appeared in fine order - Dined - and after talking awhile, went again





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to Mr Q's, remained there perhaps 2 hours waiting the return of Mr W. - read a Troy Jackson paper - Mrs Q. was carding tow as I supposed & her daughter spinning the same - the mop was put in lively motion by another female whom I presumed belonged to the family - One of the boys staid to converse with me to make me contented as I may suppose. At length the good man arrived - I presented my note from our Doct. which he examined and returned with the laconic answer that I was too late - had just disposed of his money this day. This put a damper on my spirits, so I immediately decamped and with rather a heavy heart shaped my course pretty straight for town - arrived there just before sunset - visited the Post Office - heard Col. M. and others talking of Mr Adams and his old Fed'l friends of Essex Junto & Hartford Convention memory - Soon left and came down to H. Waters' shop where to my great satisfaction & surprise he had negotiated a loan for me of \$125 of his friend Alanson Plumb to whom my note for the same was given payable on the 15<sup>th</sup> Dec'r next at six pr ct - Felt well pleased with the fortune of the day - heard Alanson Norton play the fife. Coming home met Dr N. Swift who had been foddering his cattle - asked how I had succeeded - I replied in short terms as above stated.

TUESDAY, MARCH 17 Dark & foggy during most of the A.M. A light snow thinly covered the old crust - very pretty walking. Mr David Rockwood from the S.E. part of the town had been over to see me about buying his cow - promised to renew his visit this morning - so accordingly the man came on -, took breakfast with us and after some consultation myself and S.W.D. tramped off to try our fortune - he asked \$25.00 for his cow which he bo't of Mr Pool in June last - See June 4 & 12 - Halted at Mr Pool's to view Mr R's 7 pail brass kettle which was something out of repair - Learned that Miss Esther Pool could not work for us the present season because only on Monday morning she had engaged herself to Mr Henry Bovee of Hoosick, N.Y. - so here I failed - We resumed our walk - Mr R. very full of propositions respecting his brass kettle - Arrived at Dr Johnsons' the place formerly owned by old Mr Downs where Mr R. hired his cow kept - the Dr's cattle were in low order - so I considered the condition of R's cow - she was in the hands of Mr M. Hurd Jun. According to contract took s'd cow at \$20.00 cash, &, to please Mr R., added \$1. in cheese at 7<sup>th</sup> - and to take the kettle at \$5.00 - or to state it more exactly I was to (de) lend him \$5. in money and take the kettle for security until the first of Nov'r next at which time if he returned the money he was to receive his kettle again - and if it was not redeemed and should be appraised at more I was to pay it - After paying Mr Hurd the money rec'd & started off with the s'd beast. Dr J. & his man Aaron







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Crawford came over with a yoke of oxen and a pair of bulls on a sled to Major L. Norton's to get pans for catching maple sap which was very favorable for us in driving the cow which was said to be 4 years old, very good size, long body, color (&) fair red. Mr R. came over with his kettle - dined - rec'd his cheese and returned home. We regulated affairs among the cattle - saved the life of a young calf which was found upon the snow - We then rode to Mrs Thomas' to see Mrs Graves' cow, which being 8 years old and said to be very good we supposed might be worth \$20.00 or \$21.00. Mrs G. did not appear disposed to sell - we departed - met Maj Haynes & W. Gibbons together - the former said much derogatory to the value of his neighbor Walbridge's cow - called at the P. office - Offered D. Clark \$23.00 for his cow - he asked \$24. for her so there was no trade - Called a moment at the Brick house - drove home

In the evening the oxen were yoked to the sled by which means Diamia & Sally performed a visit to Mr Norton's.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 18 Winter was yet upon us in real majesty - rough and blowing pretty stiff from N.W, - there was a thin coat of snow newly fallen on that which had already come. Numbered scholars in Dist. No. 2 - made out 53 - Made a long visit at Mrs Billings' with Mr House & lady - staid a few moments at Gid's - Mr S. Loomis' was the first house to which I went - got an account of highway work - transacted business with our friend Aunt Eunice Jewett respecting calves &c. Borrowed N. Y. paper at Maj. L. Norton's - the Major was absent on business - Got home in season to assist in working up wood for fuel - S.W.D. worked by himself.

THURSDAY, MARCH 19 Very fair & fine excepting some haziness towards evening - Employed in working up wood - Mr W. Barbour of Algiers with young Mr Lewis Brown called upon us this morning. Ed McGowan visited us with his brother Reynolds - Sylvanus, sleigh & horses were required to convey them to E. Carpenter's, for which they paid fifty cents. E.McG. said his capt's name was Baker - sloop Washington - in the service of Grant.

In the evening paid a visit to uncle S. Robinson & family - accomp'd by my lady and Miss D. Harwood. Uncle S. and cousin N. L. arrived late in the evening - the latter had returned through Woodford from Stamford - found the snow very deep - had been to Adams, Ms - Returning home met at late hour Capt P. Harwood & Son carrying off 3 young calves which he bo't at our house.





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FRIDAY, MARCH 20 Cold in the morning - Snowed moderately most of the day - Went on foot to L. Barney's and Mr J. Bushnell to make market for calves - the former was absent drawing hay from Woodford - his wife thought he would be glad of the two which were on hand. Mr Bushn'l agreed to take 3 as soon as they were fit - saw his Mother a very aged lady who I was informed had arrived to 94.

Dr Johnson and his man Crawford with a load of 4 foot wood accomp'd to Algiers - Saw Mr Peck - agreed with him for 35 rennets at 20 cts a piece.

Forgot to mention being overtaken near wid. Webster's by B. Squires S. H. Blackmer and H. Waters in a sleigh returning from attending an Arbitration in Stamford, Vt - Spoke with J. Norton Jun in Algiers - Had conversation with L. Dewey walking up the meeting house hill. Said a word or two to Dr N. Swift & came home to splitting wood.

SATURDAY, MARCH 21 Pleasant - thawed some mid-day and P.M. - pretty stiff winter however - S. H. Brown came over and insisted upon buying a certain calf brought by the cow called Judd which I had in a measure engaged to my friend L. Barney - but not being very certain of his coming over consented to let him have them it at the usual price - 50" - paid me a dollar - said he must have the calf of our best cow provided it should be a heifer.

Soon after Mr Barney arrived in his sleigh and on learning the disposal of s'd calf, which indeed was a very fine one, he appeared much disapp'd, saying he would rather have paid me double price than missed of the chance - rec'd the other, looked at the cows & departed - I felt as if I had almost wronged the man - saw wherein I had erred and calculated to mend next time - it was too sudden for me - might have had 75" or a dollar for that thing just as well as any way had my calculation been right, for it was well worth it, being 5 days old and very handsome - there being a prospect of his making a fine ox - assisted at wood - Mr Cole & lady our cousin paid us a very agreeable visit, P.M.

Hiram Waters came down this evening with a big bill of Lumber for Ballard's Academy - made out the same for him next day.

SUNDAY, MARCH 22 Not much less wintry than heretofore, tolerably pleasant P.M. Nobody attended meeting - such being the state of the health of the family and the circumstances being thus inpropitious - There were three funerals attended this day within the limits of Bennington, viz a young child of Buel Norton's aged 11 months - Mrs Crawford, consort of Sam'l, who died in a fit of drunkenness, and old Mr North of Sage's City. O.W. & S.W. Daniels rode to Pownal together, the latter became 19 years old this day - Turn back to Dec'r 9 for agreement





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N. L. Robinson visited us this evening - had his sist. Emily with him. Likewise Reynolds Mc G. paid his respects here this day.

MOMDAY, MARCG 23 A light snow came Sunday evening or in the course of the night. Pleas't morning, but a cold day followed. Walked to the residence of our much respected old Maid, Miss Eunice Jewett, an inheritance from her hon'd father, and procured a quarter of veal weighing  $11\frac{3}{4}$  lbs which I accepted in payment for the calf she rec'd of us a day or two ago, or only a few days since, in full - talked about hiring a teacher for the Summer school with friend Levi.

At L. Norton's obtained the N.Y. Spectator of March 13.

Sylvanus worked with N. L. Robinson chopping and hauling wood - We continued working at wood.

Rec'd a visit from Mrs Duncan and his sons Samuel & Nelson and the Misses Cornelia and Margaret Eldred.

TUESDAY, MARCH 24 Cloudy, real winter - A tremendous gale from the West commenced about noon, filling the air with snow and continued until evening when it became more moderate - Our winter sat heavily upon us - snow in great banks and pretty well laid on in other parts - 5 feet deep on the G. Mountains - unusually deep in our woods.

A certain walnut tree standing near the S.W. corner of the ploughed field W. of the barn was chopped up and drawn to the house.

I, after the usual dilatory preparation in shaving &c rode to mill - found friend A. Harwood employed in Abell & Savages' new establishment - James his brother was there assisting in pecking a burr stone - took away a grist of  $7\frac{1}{2}$  bbls Ind. meal - got a pair of boots that had been repaired for S.W.D. by friend James. Visited the P. Office where saw Col M., Wm H., Sol. & Darius, Gen. H. Robinson & others - heard capt. Hicks and Mr Noyce discourse on Religion - no new light was reflected therefrom - came home before dark.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 25 Keen wintry weather - Cold N.W. wind - Many people attended town meeting in their sleighs. Some warmth was apprehended at our annual town meeting, but it finally turned out to be a very peaceable one. Ballotts were called for and used in choosing Town Clerk, one or two selectmen, and in some other instances. The last years officers of importance were continued with a few exceptions. Jed Dewey was app'd Selectman in the room of Buckley Squires resigned.





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Do not recollect any more instances of a like kind. The candidate opposed to W. Haswell for T. Clerk was our good friend John Norton. Everything knocked off in a hurry and I believe decided with propriety, but in some cases it was hard rubbing - An Article in the Warning was to see if the town would and distribute in the several School Districts the money accruing from the School Fund which was reported to be doing well and if not meddled would in a few years be sufficient to give us a free school in the town of Bennington - Several handsome speeches were made in favor of dismissing the Article and continue the fund in its present accumulating train.

Those on that side of the question were - D. Robinson Ju., O. E. Merrill, U.M. Robinson and I think Judge Stephen Robinson - those on the opposite side were - Capt J. Hicks, Dan'l Brackenridge, and one of the Blackmers'.

In trying the question it was so difficult to decide how the parties stood that the Moderator had to divide the house, the result of which was to dismiss the article.

N. L. Robinson was app'd Sexton - a sum of money was appropriated for the purchase of a hearse. The meeting was dissolved in good season.

Talked with P. Smith respecting our next School Instructor.

Mr Lorenzo Downs had a fine cow which he offered for sale.

Mr H. Safford shewed me a note which was given S.Hinsdill in June 1826 - on which I had a receipt that applied obtained in the absence of Mr Hinsdill who had his key with him which prevented the clerk, young Dan'l B. Hinsdill, from giving it me - assured Mr S. of the fact - Jour'l of Apl 14 1827 - S.W.Dahiels rode home to his father's on Pownal Mountain.

THURSDAY, MARCH 26 Cloudy, dry & cold - wind N. Ox sled shod. Examined trees for timber in the woods - snow too deep to admit of doing business in the woods. Apple trees N.E. of the house in the garden were cut down. Had the jawache.

FRIDAY, MARCH 27 Continued cold & dry, wind N. Continued chopping up app. wood. M.W.Southworth, Mr Kendrick, G.W.Southworth, Car. & Mary Waters came here as a party this eve'g. Played the flute drily for them. Sam Scott called upon us & engaged to repair our one horse wagg. at the (rate) price of \$8.50"

SATURDAY, MARCH 28 Handsome fine day, pleas't & agreeable. Bestrode my beast with intent to engage a female instructor to our school - At Maj L. Norton's had something to offer respecting the result of our vote on school fund which went to split him as well as me - At P. Smith's found the Collector dunning for taxes. Accomp'd by my friend rode to Mr M. Hurd's - On the way saw Silas Walbridge Jun who with his family was seated in his elegant pleasure wagg. on his way from his father's to Algiers - had become rich since 7 years residence near Rochester, N.Y. At Mr H's saw





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the old gentleman who had arrived to the advanced age of 83 very helpless in his lower limbs - could get about house very slowly only by shoving a chair before him - appeared pale and feeble - voice much impaired and I judged also that his intellects were in the same predicament.

We proceeded to hire Miss Ruth Hurd, gr'd daughter of s'd personage - to teach our school from the first Monday in May until the end of Sept'r at \$1.50 pr week - and board round.

Went to see Mr Downs' cow, had no very weighty fault to find, but did not feel disposed to buy. Return'd and dined at Mr H's, after which heard some remarks from M. Jun relating to business affairs of this life the main drift of which was that everyone would do best to pursue that calling which was most suited to his capacity.

Came through Algiers on the way to town - engaged H. Norton to do the iron work about the one h. wagg.

At Hicks' saw Silas W. Jun & spoke with him.

Visited the store of Dr Swift & Son.

At home found our young friends, Em., Eben, Lawson Gleason, their sisters Adeline & Elvira - the latter engaged to do house work for us from the 18th May until we should be done making cheese in the Fall, at 75<sup>¢</sup> pr week.

They took their departure in the evening - Sylvanus convey the wagg. to Scott's - on his return - a few rods from the house the horse fell with and hurt him considerably.

SUNDAY, MARCH 29 Warm pleas't spring weather - the handsomest we had seen the present season. The snow dissolved pretty rapidly - but such a quantity now cov'd the land that many such days would be required to make a total dissolution of it.

Mr Luther Bliss, an old friend & neighbor now in his 69th being shortly to quit town in order to reside with his children at Bridport in the N - came and made a short visit with us & took leave in a very affectionate manner. O.W. Daniels & H. Waters paid their respects to us Didn't read much.

MONDAY, MARCH 30 Continued thawing, hazy & cldy - Wood employed us. The small stack near the S.W. corner of the S. meadow was uncapped and some of the contents fed to the cows of which we now milked 12 - E. mow of hay nearly used up.

Mr Elisha Pool made me a visit - conversed with me on a variety of subjects - Looked at the heifer which he formerly owned - See Mar 17 - Mud growing deep.





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TUESDAY, MARCH 31 Continued thawing - wind W. & N.W. A large apple tree usual known by the name of High-sweeting, standing S. of the lane a few rods E. of the house, intercepting our view, was this day laid low & cut in pieces by S. W. Daniels.

Planks were distributed about the milking yard to guard against walking in mud. Tom S.H. Brown was delivered the calf of the Solomon cow for which he bargained before hand. Mr James Bushness came over with his son-in-law L. Barney & rec'd 2 good calves - paid me 3 bushels corn - one more calf would balance the account - which I agreed to convey as far as the Saff'd mill for him. S.H.B's was 3 days & Mr B's 4 days old.

Made out my School Dist. Returns of 53 scholars, to the T.Cl'k in as regular form as I knew how - forwarded the same by Nelson Duncan who was going on to commence six months work at C. Cushman's, first of April.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 1 Cloudy, thawy, wind S.E. Removed apparatus for the butter dairy to the cheese room. H.H. Harwood this day entered his 8th yr. Much wood was worked up. Robins, bluebirds and others of the feathered fraternity began to make music for us. Understood Bibbins of Pownal was very anxious to sell his cow, but did not go to see her.

THURSDAY, APRIL 2 Stormy from the east, rained considerably P.M. Was informed of the death of Mrs Henderson, the wid. of the late Tho's Henderson of this town. Aged ab't 84. At the store of Swift & Son bo't on cr a bill of goods - p.22 of my Acc't Book - Rode to Algiers, had horse-shoe put on at half price to replace a broken one at Harry Norton's. Staif a short time at J. Norton's store where saw John reading a newspaper - J.B. was writing. Tom Crawfoot & W. Gibbons & L. Park were present. Came home across lots. Mr Moon had been to Pownal & found out that Mr B's cow was disposed of. Remainder of the day engaged in reading, taking care of cows &c. Very probably I paid in full for corn 25 dollars in money to Swift & Son.

FRIDAY, APRIL 3 Storm mostly over, very unpleasant travelling in mud. Was at the Post Office and Public houses in the street - made inquiry about the price of butter - price current 14" at Troy. McEwen could not decide about purchasing for Court time - would see me again - Saw E. Montague & hands who were plaistering the Bank - They dined at McE's. In the barroom were J. S. Robinson and Ishaam playing black-gammon or some such game - At Hicks & made a short tarry - saw Maj. Foster of Hoosick who inform'd that Dr Armstrong and son Prosper were doing a great deal of business in their line - Came home in season to assist at the barn. (Assisted H. Waters in writing acc'ts).





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SATURDAY, APRIL 4 Think it was unpleas't & stormy the former part of the day. P.M. more pleas't if such a term might be proper for so homely a day. Mud very deep. Convey to Waters a cheese 33½ lbs at 7" - 7 lbs butter was sold to the same gentleman at 1/0 - rec'd of him for his son \$6. - gave him credit for all there was over paying for the butter. Got stuck in the snow drift beyond the Old Dr Swift place - had no great trouble in getting out.

At Abell & Savage's mill deliv'd a grist of 7½ bbls corn & 4 do oats - Deliv'd also 2 calves to Bushnell & Barney according to previous agreement. Made a safe return.

Great agitation in the family on account of an application for the use of our dairy house.

Beetling dung on the meadows was the home employment.

SUNDAY, APRIL 5 Contin'd unpleas't & cl'dy, stormy. Wore away much in the usual way. Mr Southworth finished his school yesterday. Mr M. Cobb supped with us - learned to write of Mr Lucas. Saturday evening wrote for H. Waters.

MONDAY, APRIL 6 Cold - some thin snow had fallen in the night - wind fresh from N.W. Rec'd for Dist. No. 2 the sum of \$39.75 school money by the hand of W. Haswell - Saw J. T. Robinson, Mr A. Shrewood, O. C. Merrill, Heman Robinson & others - Returned from the Street and handed over to our late School Master 2/3ds of said sum and after further consideration in order to lessen the burdens of the inhabitabts of our District for the present - added thereto \$5.50 - the first sum was all that the committee agreed to give him at the time of his engagement.

P. M. walked out to Harry Hawks' and bo't yellow mid. sized cow, 7 y'rs old, would have a calf in May - agreed he should drive her to Hicks' tomorrow morning at 9 o'clock - paid him \$1 down - the remainder to be paid on delivery.

Paid Mr Scott's people a visit - the wagg. was done agreeable to contract for which paid cash or money \$8.50 Mrs S. spoke quite affectionately respecting my mother - Mr Waters & ladies.

Called a short time at the barn of R. Wickwire - Saw Francis who said he had some calves that he should have to look to pretty well in order to get them up "May Hill". They had one very fine cow, white in the face - two very fine heifers two years old with calves to bring up, and they were likely little fellows too.

Returned home before dark. H. Waters came down this evening and instructed us in the cost & dimensions of the building about to be built.





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TUESDAY, APRIL 7 Pleasant but very muddy - Sent Sylvanus to meet and pay Mr Hawks for his cow - felt almost sorry that I had had traded, but after awhile became reconciled to it.

Afterwards Daniels conveyed the one horse wagg. from Scott's to H. Norton's, Algiers - visited the mill, but returned without the grist - the mill having partially failed.

The business at home not very important - Clubbed dung in the meadows &c.

Mr L. Barney sent his man & rec'd 2 calves, one of which was very fine, the produce of the cow called Black Short Teat - the other was that of Miss Lopt Horn - making the number sold to Mr B. am't to six head.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 8 Very pleas't - a chilly N. wind prevailed.

The day seemed much like Sunday.

Mr Southworth came up and said he had made out finely in collecting his School rates. Father & Diadama went to meeting. A question was agitated in the Church whether to dismiss entirely the use of ardent spirits in the families of the members, including every individual of that sacred body, excepting for medicine? It was not brought to a decision if I am rightly informed. Sylvanus with oxen, horse & great wagg. bro't home our grist from the Saff'd mill - came by way of Maj. L. Norton's whence he brought 2 doz large m'k pans on cr. at \$2. per doz.

H. Waters, Southworth and the rest of us enjoyed the evening very happily in various ways. Mr Cobb paid us a short visit.

Much snow yet remained with us.

THURSDAY, APRIL 9 A cold rain storm pelted us from S.E. - mud not quite so deep as it had been. Mr Southworth left for Dorset this morning.

Visited Algiers - gave directions to H. Norton how to iron the one horse wagg.

Was a short time in the store of J. & J.B. Norton - Spoke with Mr G. Godfrey, afterwards with his son Sam.

At J. Harwood's had cobbling done, performed by friend James to the am't of 38 cts. Black Tom was there awhile. Read newspaper and took one or two naps during my tarry - dined there - staid some moments waiting a shower to pass over.

Came down to Norton's shop to order some washers for the wagg - Saw and conversed with my friend J. Norton.

Returned home and assisted in doing choars at the barn.

On the 5th inst., Mr Joel H. Thomas, eldest son of Joel T., of the N. part of Bennington was in the evening married to Adeline, 2d daughter of our neighbor Mr G. Robinson, by U. Edgerton Esq of said Bennington.

FRIDAY, APRIL 10 Continued cloudy, rainy, & very muddy. W'd E.

The erection of a few length of board fence S. side of the lane in front of the house made up the main business. Mr Rockwood with his friend, M. Bushnell, gave a call - the latter was anxious to buy young calves - had none on hand.





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but expected more along shortly - therefore Mr B. paid me in advance \$1. for 2 I engaged to give him notice when to come for them. Mr R. felt very solicitous about buying cheese - wanted it on credit, his own security, which I would not accept of, but on Mr Bushnell's giving his word that I should be paid, weighed him out 5 lbs 6 oz - charged 7" pr lb - 38 cts. So they marched away.

SATURDAY, APRIL 11 Gloomy, cloudy and rainy very muddy. Two posts ~~er~~ were planted for the front gate by the house - making up our chief employment. Perused Cyclopoedia while the rain kept us within doors.

H. Waters had writing performed by me this evening.

SUNDAY, APRIL 12 Fair weather coming on - snow melted away slowly - Wind chilly from the N.

My Reee Journal and the records of Dist. No. 2 employed me in the early part of the day.

Paid a visit to L. Norton. Saw & conversed with Bing. Hill of Arlington - said he was about to engage in the mercantile business, would go to New York early in May. Julius getting better. Before night returned home.

Small stack all consumed.

H. Waters & others spent the evening here.

Got but litt. to read. Borrowed papers of the major.

MONDAY, APRIL 13 Weather becoming more fair very rapidly - the great banks of snow were dissolving as rapidly as could be expected. The day was improved in looking out timber for the wagg. house - it was scarce in our woods - found 2 or 3 trees and had them felled ready for the carpenter's axe. At night watched with Julius Norton - had to give him medicine once in 4 hours - Played his flute morning and evening - perused papers, books &c.

TUESDAY, APRIL 14 Fine & remarkably clear. Charles Bowker for Hiram Waters hewed timber in our woods - We selected and scored for him. Sylvanus lost the afternoon to see Caravan.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 15 Another very fine day. Same business continued.

Late P.M. Sylvanus went to Algiers - conveyed to H. Waters 12 long seasoned spruce boards bo't of E. Lyon, Woodford, in the winter of 1828 - See Jan 3d & 26th and March 8 -

He returned in the evening with the one horse wagg. well ironed by our worthy friend Harry Norton whose bill, a very reasonable one, in my judgment amounted only to \$3.25" As to Mr Scott's part of the repairs I was made quite uneasy - The joints in the rims were so bad that





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after the tire was set upon the wheels, they became much misplaced in consequence of which one of the fellows split & to secure it rivets were found necessary. It appeared that the work was executed in a very unworkmanlike style and what was more Mr N. said I might have had it performed by Mr Ebenezer Chase faithfully for \$6. I felt as if Mr S. had hardly done me justice - even although his price was high, had the work been genuine I would not have complained - So much for not making more enquiry and trusting less to that weak creature called conscience H. Waters made his appearance here this evening, - made remarks on S.

THURSDAY, APRIL 16 Very fine - snow drifts melting away pretty fast.

A great quantity remained on the E. Mountain.

C. Bowker made an end of hewing timber this day - We were obliged to draw on Gen. R's possessions for 1 long & 1 cross sill & the ridge pole - the first was ready cut - the 2 last beech & poplar were taken from the stump - all our timber amounted to say 296 ft.

Mrs P. Water paid our ladies a visit this P.M.

FRIDAY, APRIL 17 Some cldy & chilly - a little rainy towards eve'g.

Mr Bushnell came for & rec'd his calves, the produce of the cows called Charles & Hathaway, on Saturday & Monday. We attended to fences - Sylvanus had a sore jaw of which he complained bit terly. Mr Moon became the father of his 4th child, a daughter, early this morning. H.W.here this evening.

SATURDAY, APRIL 18 Fine spring weather, chilly - wind from the S.

Cloudy - signs of rain.

Until noon father was gone to H. Dimmick's and Mr Bushnell's - of the 1stter agreed to receive a load of char-coals on or about the 15th May at \$6. pr hund. bhls.

Sylvanus and myself commenced the erection of a small yard fence, the former still endured much from his sore jaw.

P.M. S.W.D. with team and plow assisted a few of the neighbors in digging Mrs Kent's cellar.

We repaired fence on the north line and assisted H. Dimmick in a job in his line for which paid him 2 qts brandy. Assured me I should have my boards - all going on very nicely.

H. Waters painted the one horse wagg. assisted by his friend C. Church - sawed corners off the big table in the dairy room and altered one of my shelf ladders - for all which charged nothing - generously allowing it to go against my services to him in writing - did something in that way this evening for him. Now milked 19 cows.

Only a few snow banks remained in low grounds - much remained on mountains.





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SUNDAY, APRIL 19 Pleas't most of the day, tolerably warm.

In the night thundered and rained pretty furiously. Father and his youngest daughter went together to meeting. Were visited by N. L. & Henry Robinson who appeared considerably concerned on acc't of the continued illness of their sister Polly, also by H. Waters, B. Sears & O. W. Daniels.

MONDAY, APRIL 20 Tolerably pleas't after the rain.

Busy assisted by Daniels in the erection of posts for a fence to divide off a small yard attached to the milking yard - father was also employed at fencing.

P.M. sent Sylvanus to mill with 5 bbls corn, 5 do buckwheat & 2½ rye.

Saw my friend L. Barney who said I had done very wrong in selling the two last calves to Bushnell, that I had promised him the four next after those he had already rec'd. I felt rather troubled at this because it is my aim to do as I engage under all possible circumstances. At the time Bushnell came to purchase those calves in question I was impressed with the notion that Mr Barney could not or did not wish to recieve them at that time from the message he sent me by his man which imported that during the cold weather then prevailing he did not want any more - and actually forgetting the number called for I considered myself at liberty to dispose of them as I did. I was very sorry to disappoint my friend and had not the distance been so considerable between his residence and mine, a better understanding would have been established between us.

Thus two unhappy little circumstances had occurred to put Mr Barney out of conceit of my mode of dealing. See April 10.

TUESDAY, APRIL 21 Cold N. wind & cl'ds prevailed.

Mending fences made up our chief employment.

Sally began making cheese.

Lydia worked over about lbs 213 butter in balls for the Troy market.

Sylvanus bro't home grist from mill and 1 h. wagg. from Chandler's for carrying said butter - price for waggon one dollar.

Worked some on yard fence.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 22 Frosty morning - cold & windy.

S. W. Daniels went off early for Troy.

Manured and plowed garden.

H. Waters finished painting waggon 2d time.





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THURSDAY, APRIL 23 Faint, warm, cloudy - w'd S,

Father with oxen plowed potato ground in the S. meadow. Busy chiefly on yard fence which was nearly compleated - put cheese in press &c. Hopkins made himself very busy assisting his grand father.

FRIDAY, APRIL 24 A very cold unpleas't storm came up from N.E. as I should call it, which ended in snow. No business of more importance than making cheese was going on if we except taking special care of creatures. Our lambs just bean to make their appearance. On the 6th inst we counted 9 pigs - on the 14th 11 more and on the 15th 10 more - all doing well - and to our stock on the 18th was added a gray mare colt.

Mr Horatio Clark came up and informed us that he compleated patching the Rockwood brass kettle for which we paid him 11 lbs butter or \$1.65.

Sylvanus arrived from Troy past noon - staid over night at Hoosick Falls at T. C. Parsons where they were all well - an addition of an infant female had been made to their family.

Our young friend did not succeed in Troy quite up to our wishes in the sale of butter, the market being too well supplied to obtain a high price - however obtained for the main part 13 cts pr lb - some 12 $\frac{1}{4}$  and some 14 cts - Sold 203 $\frac{1}{4}$  lbs which amt'd to \$26.66 - Found bad travelling, particularly this side Wadsworth's. Bo't goods for us, including 2 iron shovels, the first purchased since the fall of 1822, amounting to about \$10.00. See Acc't Book under this date.

SATURDAY, APRIL 25 Freezing cold this morning, flying clouds and chilling wind from the N. - Snow lay on the ground until late in the morning - on high grounds and mountains all day.

Sylvanus started in the morning to draw lumber for Mrs Kent - broke out wagg. tong. the first go off

Chandler's waggon was conveyed home and the other taken to E. Chase Jun's to be repaired - the cart being employed in its stead.

P.M. visited capt Dimmick's - saw and conversed with Horace - agreed with him to see that I should have my boards by the first of June next - saw Capt. D. who was seriously annoyed by a kind of cancer on the lower jaw.

Young Abel lay sick of rheumatism - Staid sometime talking.

Went down Mr Wagar's to see some pine boards he wanted to sell - liked them - his price was \$7. pr M. but made no bargain - Came up to Major L. Norton's - called awhile - looked at his immense piles of wood prepared for his kiln - played the flute for Julius & came home -

Father complained of sore-eyes - cut & piled wood &c.

Wrote acc'ts for H. Waters in the eve'g





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SUNDAY, APRIL 26 Cold & chilly - think it was unpleasant - Performed writing & reading after the usual style. Forgot to make minutes of the proceedings of this day.

O. W. Daniels after his return with Sylvanus from Pownal called upon us.

Edwin Robinson paid us a visit.

MONDAY, APRIL 27 Commenced fair - was afterwards chilly & cloudy - wind & rain late in the day.

Some people complained of the backwardness of the season.

Sows and pigs were removed out of the barn in to the orchards - fixed fences and pig shantees.

Sylvanus followed plowing until the rain came on.

Bargained away to Mr House 11 pigs for six dollars - to return the sow on the 15th June - get pay of E. Fay Jr if we could agree. Mr H. related over his troubles.

Mr D. A. Clark, our minister visited, discoursed & prayed with us.

Friend Heman Robinson paid us a visit towards the end of the day - wanted butter - we could spare him none. Talked of the great Roman Catholic question and the Academy.

Hopkins fell half way down the cellar stairs, got some hurt, had a large 2 qt pitcher in his hand which rec'd no injury.

Our good friend Charles Brown from Berlin, N.Y. arrived here this eve'g I was glad to see & make him welcome here.

TUESDAY, APRIL 28 Chilly cl'dy m'g - good spring weather before night  
Finished plowing last y'rs potato patch which was sown with oats and seeded with Timothy.

Father was able to tend to business, but underwent inconvenience from his eyes.

Assisted Mr House in getting off with sow & pigs.

In the evening had business with H. Waters at Dexters - walked with him to his shop - viewed his big piles of lumber - accomp'd him to Swift's store - saw cut nails there which he had himself sent for from Troy - they were called twenty fours. Bo't 3 lbs cut nails for which paid 25 cts. Ed'd changed a \$1. bill for me to do it -

Staid sometime to hear Elliott Hills go on with his swearing & cursing. Returned home accomp'd by H. W. & D. H.

Mr Brown who had been up street, got home & after waiting awhile to see me had gone to bed.

A gentleman applied to me to see if I would have machinery put up for a dog churn - price \$8. - told him nay.





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Wednesday, April 29 Smoky and warm like spring - had a slow rain at night - wind warm. N.

Early in the morning walked with H. Waters to deac. E. Fay's where we overhauled a quantity of lumber and selected out enough to come to \$6.66 of which six dollars he agreed to receive from Mr House, that being my compensation in full for pigs - the fraction to be paid in cash - price of boards 8 dollars pr thousand - Consigned over s'd property to Waters - by about noon the same were deliv'd at his shop by our team which had been sent to Alg. to get the wagg. Charged by Chase for fixing in new tong \$1.00 - and Norton, H., for ironing, 34 cts - Sylvanus performed said business and assisted me in plowing P.M. N. of the barn.

Em Robinson & Rachel Isbell called, on their way to Williamstown - dined here.

C. Brown took leave this morning - said he calculated on setting up his profession somewhere in the western part of the S. of N.Y. - expressed my regards for him and wished him prosperity.

Father was disabled from attending to business by his sore eye.

In Maj. L. Norton's N.Y. paper was the great speech of Mr Peel on the B. H. of C. in favor of Catholic Emancipation - Deliv'd March 5th

THURSDAY, APRIL 30 Cloudy, gloomy, chilly, some rainy at the end of the day. Sylvanus and myself pursued plowing until past noon, it was then continued by the former who had Hopkins to ride horse for him, while I was gone with horse & wagg. to convey the wild cow's calf to L. Barney's - Saw and explained the business satisfactorily to Mr B. concerning calves sold Bushnell - agreed with him to receive 3 head more, which would him up 20, reckoning 10 from us provided they should come before the 15th May. If I should transport those three, to receive in addition to the fifty cents, 1/0.

Saw Judah Harwood and spoke with him.

Found the Fuller road & Bridge very bad.

Paid deac. E. Fay Jr the sum above named excepting a very small fraction for want of change - he said he was satisfied -

Cous. Em R. ret'd from W.

T. Kent talked of working cous. H. Harwood at the capt. Safford place.

FRIDAY, MAY 1 In the main warm & agreeable - Cloudy. Many heavy snow drifts were yet in sight on the G. Mountain - w'd N. The plowing was compleated - worked on the lane road W. of the house until nearly noon, besides which the orchard fence was repaired because the cows had broken through it into the meadow early in the morning. P.M. cross-plowed garden with one horse, & otherwise worked there. Lydia & Sally picked geese. Wrote recommend to H. Harwood for T. Kent. Seth Dunn played the bugle. Dr Swift had our big wagg. Hastings to go to Troy. Damia visited at uncle Sam's

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Saturday, May 2d Some part of the day chilly, but on the whole was considered favorable. Grass had begun to start, but generally speaking vegetation was backward - Our stack hay had lasted until about the 28th ult. Then we began on a mow in the W. bay occupying half its extent, reaching above the gr't beams and containing according to our estimation 12 tons good quality.

The garden was planted - a considerable space with potatoes - father assisted - his eyes, or rather left eye, was painful - had to keep it covered.

Visited A. Brown's saw mill. S.R. Jr was at work in the mill very lively - had already sawed out a great quantity of stuff & had got on hand 130 more logs to cut out. Mr Brown had his yard filled to overflowing with logs & boards. Dimmick jointly with his neighbor Sim. Harwood had drawn in a parcel of good looking hemlocks which Mr B. could not tell when they would be sawed out - would get them out as soon as he could.

On my return saw N. J. Norton who appeared to feel very well satisfied with himself & friends because the heirs of his father's estate and the commissioners had met this day & decided that during his mother's life the estate, valued at \$4000, should remain undivided and be for their exclusive use during s'd period.

Spoke with Pitt's Godfrey & Newt. Bates.

Lydia & Diadamia arrived from uncle Sam's.

SUNDAY, MAY 3

Gloomy, chilly - cloudy from N.E. backward season.

With other occupations usually attended to, finished reading the speech of Mr Peel on the Emancipation Bill which I should pronounce very fine. Sylvanus waited upon L. Harw'd to meeting. Transacted writing for H. W.

MONDAY, MAY 4

Assisted by Mr S. Moon for his son - shovelled or forked up 18 lds manure - Sylvanus managed the team

E. Waters' rec'd on cr. a cheese weighing  $33\frac{1}{2}$  lbs at 7". Mr Hastings bro't home the 2 h. wagg & fanning mill for Dr N. Swift.

Father's eyes so disabled him that he could not work - borrowed Mr Hastings' very elegant dung fork.

Miss Ruth Hurd began her school in our Dist. this day.

TUESDAY, MAY 5

Cool - fly'g clouds from the N. Grass & grain appear'd flourishing - 13 lds manure were carted - no

hired help.





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My father seemed to be getting better of his sore eyes - Our friend Pomeroy Smith, who for many months had been slowly wasting away, departed this life ab't 5 o'clock P.M. in the 35th year of his age - Left a worthy widow, 2 sons & 1 daughter to follow him to the grave.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 6 Leaves came out rapidly - fine & warm. Added 14 lds manure to that which was already in the field - Mr moon assisted half a day - On Monday, being rainy, could credit it him for his son  $\frac{3}{4}$  of a day - both items being set to his credit. I felt so worn down with the services of the day as to be unable to visit the house of mourning at night. Diadamia attended there. Father's eyes bad.

THURSDAY, MAY 7 Warm, fine & growing, leaves com'g out. We completed getting out 51 lds manure which was placed mostly on the farther end of the ground occupied with potatoes in 1826. Sylvanus was sent to mill with 11 bbls buckwheat. Too unwell P.M. to attend my friend Smith's funeral. The hearse was first used in this instance. Friend W.S. Southworth with Mr Kendrick and three Waters ladies visited us in the eve'g. Sore complaint was made on account of the office of County Clerk being taken from so virtuous, amiable and accomplished personage as Mr H. Hall against whom not the least fault was alleged & bestowed on gen. Henry Robinson, a raw hand & who accepted it upon the humiliating condition of removing with his family to Manchester. Deac. Fay's cart was returned to him by S.W.D. as he went to mill.

FRIDAY, MAY 8 Cooler than on the 7th, grow'g, pleas't & fine. Hired Sam H. Brown's side hill plow with which Sylvanus commenced plowing ground to plant - oxen & 1 horse - Hopkins for rider - I sp'd manure - Damia worked at Capt Waters' - Mrs Street paid us a visit - Father was put to much distress & inconvenience by sore eyes. So many cows to be attended to that but little time could be devoted to reading. Cousin Heman Robinson came up from his fathers' on an errand - tarried all night.

SATURDAY, MAY 9 Cool air & pretty cl'dy, about noon there was a smart shower of rain from the N. - P.M. favorable to business - Grass very flourishing. Work continued as on the 8th. I was pretty well used up at night. Our friend John Norton with advice by way of appraisal made out Mrs Kent's land to her - about 8 rods square - valued at \$25.00 by Lieut Saff'd & my father.

SUNDAY, MAY 10 A most tedious storm of rain ending in snow was experienced - snow mostly confined to mountains. Wrote as usual - Read Gibbon respecting Constantius & Julian. Foddered cows at noon - had not turned them to pasture yet. Sylvanus & O.W. Daniels went to their father's in Pownal. H. W. shewed himself washer.





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MONDAY, MAY 11 Cold morning - mild about noon. Blew up cold and rained in the evening. In spreading manure we were assisted by young Moon with his father and young Watson boy which was set down at 2 days. Plowing was continued as heretofore. Conveyed 2 calves to L. Barney's - 4 & 5 days old - the produce of the cows called Kelly & Rockw'd. Borrowed papers of Maj L. Norton. Got part of a grist at the mill. Saw Eben Chase Jun'r to whom paid in full for fixing in new wagg. tong. \$1.00  
Performed some business with A. Norton of no importance and got home about 9 o'clock.

TUESDAY, MAY 12 Very cold, high wind & Flying cl'ds from N.W. Very backward season - plenty of snow on mountains. Spreading msnurem which was hard business, & the plowing of six acres was this day accomplished. Hopkins performed well as rider - Father was able to lend assistance. Mr Nothup came to see us in the morning - engaged the use of his stud - to ensure at \$3.00 the season. Our friend Hiel Parsons offered the Chatfield Place for sale - anxious to have me buy - but I would not be persuaded - D. Ball came out with him - Said that Chatfield had gone to seek his fortune in Troy. Continued foddering our cows - they were since yesterday suffered to go in the woods - of 26 now milked 22 - Cheeses in these days made here would perhaps average 30 lbs pr day.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 13 Cold frozen morning - afternoon more mild.  
The corn ground was rolled handsomely by Sylvanus. Hopkins resumed his place at school.  
Late P.M. the Watson Moon boy rode horse for S.W.D. to furrow. Father & self removed cheese press from the house S. & erected a shantee for the same - many more notions, such as taking up planks put down 31st March were attended to.  
An elderly rough talking and rough looking man who pretended to skill in fixing razors tarried the night.

THURSDAY, MAY 14 Tolerably pleas't - cold morning & eve'g - cloudy, wind N. Orchards not in bloom.  
Having young Silas Watson and Geo. Robinson Jr for riders finished furrowing ground ready for planting corn - gr'd furrowed both ways.  
Had both boys all day.  
Our old razor man went off in a pet this morning because I would not pay him more than his keep'g for sharp'g razors.





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FRIDAY, MAY 15 Warm, fine, some cloudy. Finished planting six acres with Ind. corn - had the assistance of R. Moon with his father and nephew, young Watson - planted very close. Our good friend C. Brown past noon paid us his respects to us, had travelled from W. Creek since morning where he witnessed the death of Mr Wilkinson's only son, a young man about thirty. Mrs Duncan and her eldest daughter paid our ladies a visit.

SATURDAY, MAY 16 Cloudy, wind S. quite rainy P.M. - evening the wind changed to N. - fine growing rain.

A great many chors were performed - sleds, sleighs &c put under cover, (&c) After sundown conveyed to Mr Barney his 10th calf, the product of the cow called Little Line - marked much like herself - making up a bill against him of \$5.50 - including 1/0 pr head for transportation of the 3 last according to previous agreement. See April 30th. Sylvanus attended an election training in Capt. Love's company. Bob O'Lincolns were observed here between the 12th & 14th. Plum blossoms were out - Aspect quite dreary. H. Waters & Edwin Robinson tarried with us this night.

SUNDAY, MAY 17 Cool & cldy - Wrote Jour'l - Perused papers. Sylvanus in the one h. wagg. went to Shaftsbury & waited upon Miss Elvira Gleason to our house who calculated on working in our service the pres't season. Executed some writing for H. Waters. Mr C. Brown came here this evening.

MONDAY, MAY 18 Excellent growing weather. Turned cows to pasture on 17th Appletrees began to exhibit their blossoms. Rode to the Office with our friend Brown. Bo't of D. Clark for \$1. on credit 1 copy Sherman's Grammar - S.H. Blackmer gave it a very close run - calling it an imposition on the public & &c &c Found Wallace's old store occupied by a hatter newly come into the place. Rode without company to widow McEowen's & bo't 1/2 bhl lime for white washing and paid 12½ cts for it - Returned towards town - visited Montague employed on the foundation of the new Academy - consulted with him about building the foundation of wagg. shed or house which he engaged to undertake at 3 days notice at 3 cts per solid foot - materials & board furnished him. Steered to the Safford mill - Mr Savage performed as miller - A. Harwood being absent on account of the extreme illness of his wife who was considered very near her end. Had mare shod at H. Norton's - price 70 cents - during the operation visited the store of J. & J. B. Norton where saw the Subscription List for building in Algiers a Baptist meeting house at \$2500. - was invited but declined signing.





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Met Mr D. Rockwood in Algiers Street who accosted me respecting the agreement made with him March 17th in regard to his brass kettle - he seemed to think it worth more than the money I paid over to him - supposed if he returned the money with interest I would let him have his kettle again; Yes, I replied, but must have pay for getting it mended. This is a consideration which at the time of contract I did not think to mention, however that might be I calculated on taking no advantage on my part, nor did I like to see his quibbling disposition. I was ready now to pay him all anyone acquainted with such property would say it was worth - we partly agreed on leaving it to Mr Horatio Clark to decide the question. I went to him and talked with him on the subject - he considered \$5. a fair price for it. Said he would see me again.

Made towards home - bo't at Swift & Son's 2 lb S. brown sugar and 1 black tea pot - altogether amounted to perhaps 29 or 30 cts. Borrowed bags for going to Troy.

Potatoes by assistance from Mr Brown were taken from the cellar for planting.

Mr B. amused himself by setting copies for Adeline to write after. Sylvanus harrowed ground intended for planting potatoes. Prepared wagg. & team for going to Troy.

TUESDAY, MAY 19 Thundered and lightened the night succeeding this day - muggy weather ensued - some rainy A.M. P.M. there was a considerable fall of rain. Planted potatoes around the corn field - Mr B. assisted. Ploughed gr'd below the milking yard. Mr B. visited town & read Cobbett's old Letters on the Peace of 1801. The Moon cow returned from the pasture with a calf by her side. Sylvanus visited Hicks' on special business this morning - see 12th

WEDNESDAY, MAY 20 Pleas't, growing season, some cloudy- Rained and thundered at the N.

Sylvanus started very early for Lansingburgh, N.Y. with horse & oxen to bring up plaster.

Furrowed ground 2 ways for potatoes - Mr B. rider - employed us until some time past noon - he then resumed his reading & writing - appeared to be engaged in committing to memory the speech of Lord Pitt deliv'd Nov. 18th 1877.

We dropped potatoes until towards evening - came to the house & deliv'd to R. Moon, accomp'd by his father, 5 bhls potatoes at 25" From 23 cows obtained about 18 pailfuls milk at twice milking.

THURSDAY, MAY 21 Fine and growing - some cloudy - Mr B. assisted in dropping potatoes which business was finished in the





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before noon - P.M. was employed in small jobs, fixing pew for the Moon cow &c. - Father attended to like concerns in his way, and visited the house of capt. E. Waters where he bargained away 10 bhls potatoes. Mr B. wrote for Adeline and otherwise busined himself in his way. Sylvanus made a safe return with his trust in good season - paid \$8. for his plaster - 1 ton - and fare on the road fifty six cents. Mr Seiders and family left our neighborhood for the N. p't of the town after a little more than one years residence.

FRIDAY, MAY 22      Pleas't & fine, blossoms very full & plentiful  
By assistance of Mr Brown until noon in dropping plaster we were enabled to compleat dropping plaster planting potatoes in the field - to do which it required 40 bhls or thereabouts to border the cornfield & go over something less than 2 acres of land. Oxen and horses were turned away to pasture - leaving in the barn, say, of the growth of 1827, 1828, about seven tons hay. Our pastures were very flourishing. By deaconing the M. cows calf we had the use of 24 cows.

SATURDAY, MAY 23      Fine and warm. Sowed over 9 acres S.W. corner of the cow pasture adjoining the Norton's with Nova Scotia Plaster - Adeline watched the oxen - Father went to uncle Sam's to prepare for washing sheep. Mr Brown took leave for Petersburg past noon on foot. P.M. joined our flock to that of uncle S. Robinson and being assisted by him, his brother Saff'd & two boys, Heman Rob., & Lucius the son of L. H. Gibbs - Sylvanus & self very comfortably compleated washing 40 h'd of sheep - 23 of which were ours. Saw and spoke with U. Edgerton Esq who said his mother was not well - Reported well of capt. H. A. Fay, of Albany. We were plagued by the lagging of an old sheep which was lame on our way home. Some business was transacted at Swift's by father on our acc't & by S. W. D. on his own acc't. Paid six dollars salary to John Hicks Esq the collector of the taxes or rates of the Rev'd Daniel A. Clark, Pastor of the Cong. Church in Bennington. Wrote for H. Waters in the evening. Articles bo't at Swift & Son's this day were - 1 G. molasses & 1 lb h. skin tea - the last at 4/6.

SUNDAY, MAY 24      Warmer than had been known this seas. the present year.  
Wm Hervey deliv'd a Missionary discourse thst highly pleased Lydia and Diadamia. Endured pain in the great thumb j't & wrist. Read a few pages of the Dedline & F. of R. Empire. Asssisted about cheese. S.W. Dahiels visited home - Orren and some of his friends came to our house in the A.M. Eben Gleason went with Sylvanus to Pownal.





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MOMDAY, MAY 25 No abatement of heat.

Transacted business with Mr Demming the tinner - ha had tin cheese hoop mended for 6 cts. on acc't. Breakfasted at Mr D's - Mrs D. had in her arms her infant 2d son only 3 or 4 weeks old.

They talked much in praise of their cow.

Rec'd a hoop with a follower fitted to it by E. Waters.

Rode a short distance with a young Wickwire boy bringing down tools for his brother Francis who this day commenced framing a barn on the Fay farm for S. H. Brown. Father went to the Saff'd mill - conveyed 10 bhl potatoes to Mr J. Harwood on acc't.

Sylvanus sowed plaster on sheep pasture as it was once called, above & N. of the rocks. P.M. we finished that business by going over the young orch'd and the pasture this side of it.

TUESDAY, MAY 26 Continued most unusually warm, there was a slight breeze from S.E. which we wished would bring us rain a flock of 23 sheep was shorn of their fleeces by father and Sylvanus. Capt Hall and his friend J. Norton (Jun) called upon us to get my name to a subscription List for building a Baptist Meeting House in the E. Village. I refused it and gave my reasons which amounted to as much as to say we were unable to raise the money, which will be found true at the close of our concerns at the end of the year. Mr C. Brown arrived from Petersburg, N.Y. Paid horse fees 1828 pr Daniels \$3. to Mr Northup (See May 12th).

WEDNESDAY, MAY 27 Yet another hot day.

Prepared by harrowing, cross plowing & twice rolling the old garden ground and a little more attached thereto for planting with potatoes and the last operation was performed in short order, assistance being rendered by C. Brown Esq. Besides they were plied with plaster. Mr Ja's Brooks in handsome style whitewashed the house, for which paid him in full one dollar.

THURSDAY, MAY 28 One more very hot day. On account of excessive heat and other causes removed the dairy apparatus back again to the other house, the opposite house.

Towards evening Sylvanus went mill and carried 3 bhl potatoes to J. Rogers. Returned with bread stuff and a new cheese follower and window rack from Capt Waters.

Mr Bills & lady spent a few hours here very much to our satisfaction - they had with them their little grandson, the son of E. Pool.

The old gent, had an advertisement of patent pills which took much of his attention - talked a good deal respecting an excursion from Valley Forge.





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under Gen LaFayette in May 1778 - said he had lately received a visit from an old officer, Lieut Benjamin Dimmick who happened to belong to that detachment, which at the time was a fact unknown to either. It was very interesting to hear him in so audible & lively language relate the particulars of that adventure. Had since Feb'y read Gordon's America with which he was highly pleased & returned it with thanks this day. Some occurrences of this day may remain hidden from the pages of this volume, as I kept no minutes to assist my memory.

FRIDAY, MAY 29      The heat held on very powerfully until past noon, when happily and most beneficially for our part of the country several smart showers of rain accomp'd with thund. descended in succession to minister moisture to this parching little World. Never was a rain more gladly hailed than this. On the 28th and this day Sylvanus performed much in the garden. Mr Brown also finished off a stone boat which he began making on that day. Some old bars & fences were put in order - water cistern cleared out - hewing chips bro't home &c &c. P.M. I rode away - met the rain at the house lately occupied by Mr Sam Fay - tenanted at present by Dr Gilbert & family - here a few men under the direction of Mr J. Vail Sen'r Surveyor of Highway being employed on the road, put in like me for shelter. Read some few sentences in (some) one of the Doctor's medical books - The first shower being over proceeded forward to uncle S. Robinson's where I discharged my little cargo of potatoes, 3 bbls, got the mare & wagg. secured from rain and waited the piring of another pretty shower and some after-drizzling - during which enjoyed a pleasant visit with aunt Sarah and cousins Polly & Emily conversing in a loose and unconnected manner as usual with me. Did not stay to sup - convey'd cous Heman to the new road where he departed to Hinsdill's - I advanced over to the main road - executed an errand at Henry Harwood's concerning his Minister - he was absent at a Drawing Bee at A. Rice's, saw his lady. Arrived at the Post Office before dark. Saw Merrill, Fassett, S. & D. Clark, D. Love and others sitting in front - expressed great joy on account of the rain - Got the Gazette - and at J. Hicks' military equipment altered over, price 50 cts - fetched home soon after dark. Doct. G. arrived to his house just in time to save himself from the rain. Apple trees we pronounced in full bloom on the 24th inst., in this vicinity.





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SATURDAY, MAY 30 Fine, cldy just enough to make the day seem more beautiful - pretty warm P.M., wind N.

Cleared the parade of wood sawed off a length suitable to pile under the wood house - attended to some other concerns in the dairy line in which at present we were not quite so prosperous as we could wish - many cheeses were spongy, inclined to spread vastly and to prevent it, had to have them swathed up.

In one instance the cheese made on the 21st., not appearing solid enough ever to dry was made over the 2d time as we had sometimes done in like cases, but this thing after going through the process and suffered to stand in the press 24 hours, appeared to be irrevocably lost excepting so far as it was good for swine.

We would say the loss might be estimated at over \$2.00

P.M. repaired the bridge in the lane near the barn yard.

Sylvanus worked in the garden, drew 2 l'ds old rails from the W. pasture, one of which was a very great one, assisted some at the bridge, and after milking, accomp'd by Nelson Duncan marched across lots to his father's, Pow'l Mountain.

Mr B. continued with us.

Read of Lord Byron & talked of Bennington battle.

Wrote for H. Waters as usual.

On Thursday sold 1 bbl cider on cr. to Capt. E. Waters.

MONDAY, JUNE 1st Fair, temperate & pleas't. wind N.

Plowing & hoeing corn made up the main employment assisted by Mr Brown.

Sylvanus attended, by request, of H. Waters, the raising of the frame of Bennington (Academy) Seminary. Was there awhile myself P.M. Saw Priest C. in his chaise, seated by his lady, Gov. Tichenor, Deac. Safford, capt Hicks, B. Webb and many more not recollected.

Those opposed to the institution were pretty generally absent - did not consider myself committed by giving a helping hand - have nothing to gain or lose in these quarrels respecting churches & academies among the great ones.

Visited the P. Off., enjoyed a few moments most pleasantly reading a page or two of the Life Ed. Gibbon at the conclusion of his D. & F. of R. Empire.

Saw the Circus company from Albany mounted as they started to take a turn in Algiers attended with music at the head of which was our neighbor and friend Mr Andrews.

Would have staid until their return in order to hear the music but considering myself under strong obligation to get home, denied myself so much pleasure & came home.





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TUESDAY, JUNE 2d Very fine, but pretty warm.

Continued hoeing - Mr B. rode horse to plow - thought it too bad to keep our boy out of school for that purpose. Mr B. continued his assistance in hoeing.

Sylvanus with his friend Ebenezer Gleason who tarried with us over night, went off to training - the last belonged to the Cavalry.

S.W.D. went at night to visit the circus - price of admittance 25" - paid by himself.

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 3 Quite cool - particularly in the morning - appeared some likely to rain - but the result gave us but

little. Walked on the highway under the control of Maj L. Norton, Surveyor, beginning at the S. & progressing N. as far as Mr Moreton's. P.M. a party was sent to mend the Fuller road which was extremely bad. Our friend L. Jewett could not get out on account of failure in some of his men~~d~~ and besides being vastly in rear with his planting - neither was neighbor Gideon with us, not having finished planting.

Deac. Fay and his boys gave punctual attendance - was pretty free with his remarks to every one.

Forced myself in a manner to the hospitable board of our brave Major and partook of a very good dinner. Saw & spoke with Miss C. Loomis who for several years has been an inhabitant of the State of N.Y. Read in a late N. Y. City paper - borrowed a parcel to come home with at night. Captain Martin Scott of the U. S. A. gave us a very friendly call - appeared much as he formerly did - think his last visit was in 1825 - Feb'y - told much of his doings at G. Bay - of which he said he possessed 47.

THURSDAY, JUNE 4 Really warm, with flying.

Continued under the orders of the Surveyor until night when he brought his business to a close on our little road above the Parsons house.

We, this year, were so poor in our District as to be without so good & necessary an implement as a scraper - the major and myself promised mutually to buy one apiece before the expiration of another year.

B. Harwood's tax on the road amounted to \$8.40 - H. Harwood's to 60 cts total \$9.00 - which we balanced by our own labor, that of Mr B. at 75" pr day and team & cart.

Neighbor Hollister was sent from the center Dist. to work his tax in ours.

Bo't 3 scythe stones of a pedlar in a wagg. for which paid him 0/6 apiece.

Dewey Duncan from Scipio or near that place came to see our house on Tuesday evening & staid all night - gave a good acc't of our friends in that quarter - 4 weeks since leaving home on a raft of W.O. ship timber on the canal - came from Troy most of the way on foot.

Horace Dimmick came over and rendered essential service among the little swinish multitude - considered his father to be approaching his end rapidly.

FRIDAY, (JULY) 5th June Very warm, some signs of rain. Resumed hoeing -

Mr B. assisting. Sylvanus by reason of a bad cold did not work but a small part of the day - went to see for us cous Henry Harwood respecting his minister which he said if he did not sell him, we might have on the 20th inst., in our service. Young Moon had wagg. to go to mill on Thursday eve, bro't grist for Mrs Ayres which I promised to bring for her.







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SATURDAY, JUNE 6 The heat was pretty powerful, but greatly mitigated by a Southern breeze. Same business continued - interrupted, however, by the raising of a barn frame owned by S.H. Brown erected a few feet S.E. of the spot whereon stood the old Dr Fay barn which was blown down in the fall of 1812. Francis Wickwire was the Master Carpenter of our famous frame now the subject which drew forth our neighbors to assist in its erection.

The timber and execution of the work was pronounced by competent judges to be much under par - and its shape was thought quite inconvenient - being only 30 feet long on the upright part and but 20 wide which formed the length of the floor - more to the S. was a low continuation - the roof running the other way - affording hardly no room at all for storing hay. However, let everybody have his way, if he can, particularly in building. It is much more easy to find fault with others than to do what we ought ourselves.

Deac. Fay, Sam'l Loomis and maj. L. Norton, Norman Norton, W. Bates & other young men from below were present besides Mr Andrews' Englishman, Mr G. Robinson, G. Norton Jun, Dan'l Church &c &c.

Deacon Fay was quite lively and running over full of jokes.

Mr Brown nor father did not attend but stuck to hoeing.

Hopkins was detained from school to ride horse to plow among corn, 5th & 6th.

Sold Mr Sears, son-in-law of Mr Hollister  $6\frac{1}{4}$  lbs cheese at 7" & rec'd cash to balance the same - was going to the N.W. to settle in some new township in N. Y. state.

Settled with Mr B. this evening and found due him for work according to his own acknowledgment \$2.50 and fifty cents for money borrowed. I told him I thought his bill for labor ought to be more & that I felt willing to pay it - but refused to add more.

Our cows since Friday numbered 25 by the addition of the Daniels Dun. On that day her calf which was a handsome pied bull being arrived at 3 days full age was given gratis to our young friend R. Moon who felt anxious to rear him.

SUNDAY, JUNE 7 Light clds - S. wind, very warm. Much engaged writing for self and H. Waters.

The expence of building U.M. Robinson's house was made out \$696.95 - C. Brown assisted in reckoning. H.W. only made a handsome saving on the job which he undertook for \$675.00.

Dairy concerns so engrossed my attention that but very little time could be spared for reading. Father & the girls went to meeting.

MONDAY, JUNE 8 Muggy hot, some short showers until 3 or 4 P.M. when a very heavy rain that lasted perhaps 3 hours





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- hardly ever have a shower in which more water falls in the same space of time - Grew cool at night, w'd N. Hoeing busied us.

Father not being aware of the magnitude of the shower, did not retire to the house, but took shelter under a projecting rock where he remained a close prisoner until I carried him his loose coat which enable him to reach the old castle without much exposure.

Dairy not doing well.

Lent R. Moon the one H. wagg. to go to Cambridge or Jackson, N.Y.

TUESDAY, JUNE 9 Beautiful day - not over warm -  
Business called me up Street.

Paid fifty two cents towards debt due C. Brown at Swift & Son's in goods charged to me. Walked up towards the P.O. - father having gone to mill with the wagg in which we rode with him to Blackmer's store.

Saw D.R. Jr & his friend L. P. Esq talking of our Rev'd Parson who they represented as wretchedly, & I believe truly, to blame for the present strife now going on among the good people of Bennington.

Visited the house of cous. Henry Harwood - saw that time had made visible signs of his all-destroying hand amongst his, as well as out own buildings. His lady directed me where to go to find him and accordingly found him engaged in plowing up a field sown last fall with rye, but which the winter and sheep had destroyed - calculating now to occupy it with potatoes.

Hiram Scott came there enquiring for ash timber suitable for making rakes.

Engaged of our cous. the use of his V. D. minister from the 20th or from the 24th at farthest until the end of the first week in August - tried to get him to name a price for said accommodation - would see how he looked on his return - perhaps he should not charge anything.

Returning home saw Savage & others framing E. Montague's barn.

Men were employed in working the new road W. of Montague's.

Called at the Post Office - took the Gazette.

Came down hill to U. M. Robinson's & collected \$1.74 on the order of N. L. Robinson as mentioned in the day book under date of Ap. 18.

Borrowed of Swift & Son \$11.00 in money - great complaint of scarcity of that precious help-mate.

Got home afternoon sometime.

Ended the day hoeing & fixing for Troy - Sent for N.Norton's horse which I had previously engaged of him at \$1.





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WEDNESDAY, JUNE 10 Very pleas't, fine growing weather.

THURSDAY, JUNE 11 The same only much warmer. The Troy expedition must be put over until a more leisure day - will just mention conveying a packet containing, as was stated by the President of Bennington B'k, \$5,000 to the Cashier of Farmer's Bank, Troy - safely deliv'd about 3 P.M.

C. Brown accomp'd me to Mamruc Show & departed to Berlin, N.Y.

FRIDAY, JUNE 12 No material alteration in weather.

A young man who accomp'd me home from the 4 Corners named Griffis departed for Sunderland this morning, was acquainted with capt. Ez. Whipple who was yet alive but almost entirely helpless - kept his bed constantly.

Father went to Mill at Sage's City - Mother visited at uncle S. Robinson Sylvanus and myself disposed of the Troy cargo - worked some in the garden. P.M. plowed buck-wheat ground with oxen & horse.

In the former part of the day had the pleasure of waiting upon our good friend Capt. M. Scott who rode in his carriage accompanied by his faithful dogs Turk and Mark. Capt S. only dropped in for a moments visit wishing to enjoy a little informal visit - shewed him some of our heaviest cheeses which he thought looked fine.

SATURDAY, JUNE 13 Some hazy & very warm. Gardening and plowing were prosecuted A.M. P.M. I left the plow to my father, assisted in the cheese room. Shaved & visited town in the small wagg. Paid towards borrowed money at Swift & Son's \$4.00.

Saw E. Fillmore Esq, E. Rudd & others - bo't for S.W. Daniels 6 sheets writing paper and 1/2 lb S. Arnatto - the former 6" - latter 25 cts. H. Waters visited us in the evening.

SUNDAY, JUNE 14 Rained some late in the day with thunder - Dull day with me - enjoyed myself but badly - wrote, slept & read - the last was either Gibbon or newspapers.

Emerson Gleason had waggon in which he rode with his sister Elvira to Carpenter's - Sylvanus visited his father's.

MONDAY, JUNE 15 Showery with thunder - particularly P.M. - air became cool -

Finished plowing buck-wheat gr'd before night - gathered up some old wood which was sent Mrs Kent.

Father attended to some business in Algiers.

Miss Hurd the Instruct-





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er our school came up to board with us.

The ladies rec'd company - Miss Caroline, Miss D. & Miss Mary Waters with Messrs Hendrick & L. Hendryx formed the party.

TUESDAY, JUNE 16 Fine day - employed in hoeing potatoes - much quack grass caused the work to be tedious.

Mr J. Harwood with his lady and little girl came here on a visit. Our potatoes were plowed out with two horses.

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 17 Cloudy, cool, expected rain.  
Hoed potatoes as above.

Sylvanus worked a day for uncle S. Robinson in the field hoeing. Wrote an order on Swift & Son for three dollars & eighty three cents, payable to Miss Lydia Fay for weaving 46 yards tow kersey cloth at 0/6. Emerson Gleason earnestly besought me to lend him oats, could not accomodate in that way - sat down and drew him an order of one dollar payable in goods (at) on the store of Swift & Son - which I desired him to balance next fall when I must meet all demands against me at that house Lent S.H. Brown 2 bhls plaster by the hand of R. Moon

THURSDAY, JUNE 18 Think it was quite cool - w. N. flying clouds. Continued hoeing - finished potatoes & entered the corn-field.

FRIDAY, JUNE 19 Good weather for business. Contin'd hoeing. Capt T. Osborn and lady and H. Parsons & lady made a short tarry here about noon - dined - Capt. O. formerly resided in Hoosick - now belonged to the township in which is situated the village of Fredonia, N.Y. informed us that our old friend Isaac Godfrey and family were their nearest neighbors - were doing well considering circumstances - Isaac owned a very good house and followed trafficking in various articles. My beard being very long and clothes abominably dirty, barely saw and said how do you do, to these people. Taking up an old stone churn in which was a quantity of soap grease in order to carry it to the caldron - the bottom fell from the upper part and lodged upon the great toe of my right foot which thereby received a bad contusion in spite of two thicknesses leather composing that part of my boot.

SATURDAY, JUNE 20 Strong, S. Wind, cloudy and rained several small showers. Late forenoon started for Berlin, N.Y. - made but one short call which was at the house of H. Bruce, Hoosick, where saw and conversed with Miss E. ~~Rpp~~ Pool & the lady of the house





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in order to enquire for a dairy girl, but they could inform me of none. 4 P.M. arrived at the North Village of Berlin, called on D<sup>o</sup>ut. H. Brown in the centre, ground room of the hotel who very hospitably rec'd me - Desired me to spend the night there - but my business would not admit of it. Drove across the bridge at Esq Crandall's and by the time I reached a house which they afterwards informed me was Mr Bentley's it commenced raining powerfully - therefore with leave took shelter in his barn - he was quite sociable - quite communicative on the dairying business in which he had had experience - Inquired the way to Landon Griswold's which he so well described that after the shower was over I arrived there without difficulty -  $2\frac{1}{2}$  miles E. of the village as the road goes - on pretty elevated land - rather retired.

Was received in a most friendly manner by our friend Patience & her husband - had a decent house, wood house, barn & shed and kettle house - appeared to be doing well - were blessed with a little daughter 14 months old. Darius Griswold their neighe<sup>w</sup> lived with them, 13 or 14 years of age.

SUNDAY, JUNE 21 Very cold this morning & remained so most of the day & it was likewise clear and fair.

Rode down with my friends who were accommodated with their own wagg.& horses and I with my establishment, to S. Griswold's in the village where there was plenty of company among whom was an old maid between 30 and 40 named Caty Sombody.

During the interval between our arrival and time of service was employed in reading an old copy of Morse's Geog. Abridged, 1789.

P.M. walked over to the Academy in the upper compartment of which was closely crammed a respectable audience to hear the word of God explained by the Rev'd Mr Lewis of the Baptist denomination.

His discourse was not distinguished for anything great or curious, but plainness and simplicity abounded, nor did he deal out Hell & damnation with such profusion as many clergymen are apt to do - His manner was very earnest and loud with the true Baptist tone.

The sermon was followed by several exhortations from Deac. Fuller, whose voice was almost unsuitable, Mr Walker, one of the weakest men I ever heard in a public assembly - toned to the utmost extent, Mr Pool an odd sort of shattered man - Mr Warren Griswold





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who was pretty candid and Mr Rhodes who allowed himself to go beyond the bounds of reason, his voice was drowned in a kind of spiritual phrenzy - however what he meant to communicate was very good and I was informed the man himself led a pious & exemplary life.

Returned after supper to Mr G's - supped there - and then taking Landens horse & wagg. accomp'd by S. Griswold, Patience & Katu rode up the Turnpike W. of the Village about one mile to the house of Mr Rhodes in order to engage one of his daughters. Soon found that the youngest was to be had, but never having gone far from home she felt quite unwilling to go so far as Bennington to live - her mother too was more irreconciled to it than herself. These objections I endeavored to do away as well as I could - Patience too lent her persuasive powers by representing the place in a very favorable light, telling how well she liked living there &c and that she presumed she would not be at all uneasy - but after all had to leave without making a bargain.

Came down the hill and taking in Mrs Powers the sister of Patience and her 4 children drove home - Lander following in my wagg. in which he had been some little distance to convey home some lady of the Village District.

We sat up late in social converse.

MONDAY, JUNE 22 Clear & cool - wd N.

At breakfast this morning Steward, Warren, the brothers of my host, and others were present for the purpose of raising a cheese house which he was engaged in building. Warren made a long prayer or something of the kind before sitting down to the table. Soon after this meal was disposed of taking off a little beard, took leave and once more visited the house of Mr Rhodes - the gentleman and lady of the house not present - made suit to my lady and by agreeing to pay her \$1 pr week for housework, cheese making, spinning, weaving &c obtained her consent to accompany me home - She was spinning at the little wheel which she left in the centre of the kitchen & being assisted by her sister was soon ready.

There were several young persons present, among whom was Lois Hull who was very lively and agreeable - would have been very willing herself to engage in my service had she understood making cheese -

We took leave about 11 o'clock - some business was transacted at Reeve & Mallary's and then posted direct for Bennington - arriving here about 4 P.M..

Nobody hoeing but Sylvanus & father.

TUESDAY, JUNE 23 Mild and moderate - some rainy. Finished 2d hoeing - corn appeared in good condition.

Cheeses weighed from the press on an average about 60 lbs - milked 25 cows - pasturage seemed to be flourishing - Dairy at present going on prosperously.





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WEDNESDAY, JUNE 24 Fair and cool.

The old wagg. shed built with crotches, poles and boards was torn down after a standing of six years.

A.M., Sylvanus was employed in getting lime and sand from Montague's - also bro't away Henry Harwood's bull - got Harry Duncan to drive his team home on that account - P.M. went to the raising of Montague's barn - 35 by 50 feet - said to be a very fine frame.

THURSDAY, JUNE 25 Cold morning - cool through the day - worked in the garden - Sylvanus returned past noon with lime and sand from Montagues where he assisted in raising the upper timbers of the barn frame - P.M. we worked at digging trench for foundation to our contemplated building.

FRIDAY, JUNE 26 Very cold morning - fair if I mistake not - completed digging trench - filled the same with round and other small stones - Drew building stone from the old lime kiln in the young orchard.

Montague paid us a visit this evening to see about building foundation. Miss Hurd left off boarding here this morning.

SATURDAY, JUNE 27 Dry & cloudy - wind S.

Buckwheat sown on the old ground by the hand of Sylvanus - harrowed in by father & him during A.M. with 2 teams.

I was employed in the dairy room & P.M. had business at Doct. Swift's store - Hopkins was with me. Dr F. Johnson came there.

The bill of goods bo't there can be seen by turning to the Merch't B'k & the day book. Edw'd could not attend to fixing the former - promised it should certainly be done by Monday evening next.

Sylvanus assisted Tho's Kent in unloading timber at the Blue Hill place which he had drawn from Rudd's to Fillmore's.

T. Kent had used our waggon in his business enough perhaps to come to \$1.

After my return from town rode with Sylvanus to maj'r L. Norton's where the maj. with Montague & journeyman was employed in building a brown ware-kiln - borrowed papers and came home.

Miss Gleason had worked here 5 weeks & a day by Monday evening last - on settling, in consequence of boarding with us during the present w'k she dropp'd the day and charged for 5 w'ks only - which at 75 cts am'td to \$3.75 - from which taking the am't of order on Swift & Son, \$2.36, left due her \$1.39" which she desired me to pay to Miss C. Waters Lawson Gleason was here a short time this evening.

On Sunday evening Miss Elvira was waited upon home by Sylvanus.





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SUNDAY, JUNE 28 Quite rainy & pretty cool -

Pretty busy in my way excepting the time involuntarily taken up in sleep.

Mother very attentively read a religious book on which she very amply dealt out the comments now & then.

No one went to meeting from our establishment.

MONDAY, JUNE 29 Continued rainy - specially early in the day - and again at night.

Sylvanus went to Woodford - conveyed grist of provender to mill & wool to Volentine's Factory for carding - Returned with a load of 510 ft hemlock boards for Mrs Kent - Thomas was in company with another team.

This piece of service was to apply on donation - say \$1.00

Business about home not very important - an old gate post was taken up and another planted in its stead.

I visited the street with Hopkins in the one h. wagg. - had work relating to the cheese press executed at Chandler's which amt'd to 87 cts -

Did an errand at Hendryx's. Had my Merch't Book regulated by friend Ed H. Swift - Bo't 3 y'ds cotton stripe for 15 cts pr y'd, booked - had one or two other light articles besides.

Returned in season to take part in milking which on account of bad weather had become a serious and irksome undertaking.

E. Montague's boy, Jerry Schuyler, came to tarry over night to begin masonry on the morrow.

TUESDAY, JUNE 30 It was rainy by turns - unpleas't and muddy, particularly in the roads.

Our masons began building the wall alluded to above - they were waited upon by Sylvanus - we, B. Harwood & Son, drew stone from the old lime-kiln in the orch'd.

Mr S. Moon bro't over a small wash tub which he had set up from old staves & bottom furnished by us for he charged 50 cts - let him have 11 lbs new cheese at 6" - the balance to be paid in some kind of labor. Our dairy concerns were going on prosperously.

WEDNESDAY, JULY 1 Continued wet & rainy as heretofore.

Drawing stones and waiting upon the masons constituted our employment - Sylvanus was attached to the Mason Dep't as tender Sold 95 lbs damaged pork to S. & R. Moon to be paid for in labor, at 6" pr lb - Adding 3 lbs they had before rec'd, charged them with 98 lbs - which they said they should divide and pay for separately according to what was rec'd by each. I think Capt Fry dined with us - aged 71 - was 17 previous to the Battle of Bunker Hill in which he took part. Went to mill and sold Dr N. Swift 32 $\frac{1}{4}$  lbs old cheese - credited at 7". Bro't home iron work from Chandler's for rollers of cheese press





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THURSDAY, JULY 2d Showery again - wind S.

Our masonry continued slowly advancing - the rains were against. Bro't a load of sand and 2 bbls lime, the last from Montague's. Attended Mason's and furnishing materials constituted the business. The chimney was topped out. A load of square timber for our wagg. shed was drawn home by me - Drove up again for another, but found myself under mistake - returned without any - Visited the store of Swift & Son - had my merch't book regulated a little. Mr Duncan came here this day - dined with us if I mistake not - assisted in unloading timber.

FRIDAY, JULY 3d More showers - continued very gloomy - muddy and bad getting about.

The masons' compleated their wall and by Montague's measurement contained 277 sq or solid feet which at 3" pr ft amounted to \$8.31 and including lime bill would come up to \$10.08" - and again board of M. and his man Jerry, say \$1.50, it would rise to \$11.58.

We rec'd the company of Mrs Sears, her son Benj'n and Mrs Waters - their visit was a most pleasant one - to the last weighed out an old cheese that weighed 34 lbs at 7".

SATURDAY, JULY 4 Rainy in a moderate degree all day - wind S. - very muddy.

No business was carried on worth noticing more than the erection of a temporary wagg. shed.

Father & Sylvanus rode up to hear Esq Hall's Address before the Colonization Society, Jonas Galusha, President - Complained of low speaking by the Orator.

I did not attend on account of being very rusty and it would be too much trouble to scour up.

Adeline joined a party of young misses of her age at J.Norton's, Algiers Sylvanus waited upon there in the one h. wagg.

Cousin Margaret and her friend Zilpha Phillips past noon arrived from Petersburg.

Late in the evening our cousin Nathaniel Stone with his 2d son Archibald called upon us - and who could be more welcome /?

Was on his return from the Western part of Rhode Island where he had been engaged in quarrying out a few casks of scythe stones which (they) he had shipped to Albany and circumstances being unfavorable to getting a passage, had to foot it by land.

We sat up late busily engaged in conversation,

This man was a Canadian prisoner in the fall of 1813 .

(See Jour'l for Dec'r that year).





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SUNDAY, JULY 5 Rainy again more or less.

We milked the cows this morning near the door in the orchard & ab't that quarter.

Mr Eli Carpenter came up from Mrs Kent's where he had spent the night in consequence of his horse getting loose from him up-street - bringing his saddle with him on his back to the brick shop into which he threw it - Breakfasted with us - told us the particulars of Mr Brayton's transaction concerning his cheese.

My time was much taken up with cous. Nathaniel & son Arch'd.

There might be transactions which I would note down, but for want of correct recollection - shall let all pass in oblivion.

MONDAY, JULY 6 Sound, fine &amp; rather cool weather.

Employed in hoeing potatoes 2d time.

Cousin Nathaniel Stone & son this morning took their departure for Bainbridge, N.Y. - intending to take Hoosick and Albany in their way where they would make calls.

This gentleman being much in want of money applied to me to lend him five dollars which he engaged should be returned by mail within about 3 weeks. I assured him that I was not in possession of that sum at present, but would endeavor to procure it for him - so wrote a line to Swift & Son to that effect - promising to pay in one month from date.

TUESDAY, JULY 7 Cool - fresh wind from some quarter - too cold for corn - ours however being well manured grew finely.

Finished hoeing potatoes and commenced upon the corn.

Cousin Margaret & Miss Phillips left for Petersburg.

WEDNESDAY, JULY 8 Cold and some showery.

The garden was regularly dressed out.

1 load of timber drawn from the Street for wagg. house - & 1 l'd boards for H. Waters from Brown's mill - Daniels performed the teaming.

On Tuesdsy O.W.Daniels spent a part of the P.M. in our field.

This day Sylvanus bo't 2 scythes at Swift & Son's.

THURSDAY, JULY 9 Cold &amp; Fair - Stuck close to hoeing - corn appeared very fine. Can write nothing of much importance more of this day.

FRIDAY, JULY 10 Warm &amp; pleas't - wind S.

Finished off hoeing in full for the season - assisted by R. Moon 3/4 of the day.

Sylvanus went to Jewett's Brook to bathe.

Engaged Mr Mason to work for us through haying at \$18 pr month - was in trouble on account of ill treatment from El Powers, Petersburg, N.Y.





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SATURDAY, JULY 11 Wind S.W. - very warm.

Improved some part of the morning, after assisting father in getting off to Shaftsbury with 10 bbls rye to McWaine's mill, and fitting out Sylvanus to Brown's saw mill to bring thence a load of Dimmick's boards, with horse, oxen & wagg - in writing accounts - turned cheese about noon.

P.M. attended to company from Berlin - Mr Boone & lady - middle aged persons - Mrs B. being the sister of Mrs Rhodes.

Sylvanus returned 1 or 2 o'clock with rolls from Volentine's - soap cask & 614 feet hemlock boards of rather inferior quality - sawed from old logs - contrary to the spirit of assurances given by friend H. & his brother A. who said their logs were green & of excellent quality the present year.

S. fixed grind-stone.

Mr B. was lively & agreeable in conversation - a man of considerable experience in the dairy business.

During an hour of the A.M. Capt. Hendryx & lady gave a call - the latter much out of health - complained of blindness - the former said he belonged to the Continental Army in 1776 and partook of the dangers & fatigues of the memorable Retreat from Canada - read some passages of History which agreed well with what he recollected of that event.

In the evening Mr L. Griswold & lady with her babe arrived here.

Messrs G. & B. kindly assisted in milking.

After supper as well as before played a few pieces on the flute.

Father returned late from mill - bro't mother home from Mr Field's where had visited during his tarry at the mill.

Lydia & Damia came also from visiting at J. Rogers' in Algiers, after dark.

SUNDAY, JULY 12 Warm & dry - late in the day there came a long & cold shower of rain attended with thunder.

Walked out with Griswold and Boon to shew the farm - they afterwards walked to church - wives did not go. P.M. they all departed for Berlin At night finding the Hawks cow failing sent off immediately for Dr Sam'l Robinson, and he arrived here within 2 hours - commenced with a large dose of jollop - gave gin &c &c - next morning pired down lin'd oil - she was down, never was able to stand on her legs, much less to rise





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without assistance - indeed never got her up but once and that by means of Chandler's ox-sling - we however entertained hopes of her recovery and suffered her to lay in this situation until Friday past noon, givin many things by way of medicine, including 2 doses of yest, but all to no purpose. Finding it impossible to give relief, the poor creature, enduring very great distress, was drawn off on a stone boat to a retired place a few rods W. of the upper orchard and there knocked on the head, throat cut and hide taken off by R. Moon & S. W. Duncan - The body was opened - from which it appeared evident that nothing could save her.

She had a calf on Saturday morning - gave milk sufficient until Thursday to preserve its life when it was butchered to save it from starvation.

Uncle S. was faithful and attentive, tried every method he could think of, came down with his son Nathan on Monday to assist in lifting up the sick annimal - also neighbor Geo. Robinson & his man Geo. Norton Jr were very obliging in rendering assistance.

Estimate our loss at about \$25. at least, because she was never a cents profit to us. See April 6 & 7 - See also Day Book of this date.

Departed this life on Sunday, July 12th., at his residence in Pownal, Capt Abel Dimmick in his 81st or 82d year. His death was occasioned by a cancer or something of the kind on one of his under jaws.

He lived an exemplary life, was a Christian of the baptist persuasion and feared not to die.

MONDAY, JULY 13 Not very good hay weather - Began haying in good earnest.

Mr R. Moon commenced work according to contract - see Friday.  
Father attend'd Capt D's funeral, at which elder Mattison preached.  
Pretty cool weather.

TUESDAY, JULY 14 The morning was unfair - but P.M. became fair and good weather for haying.

Business progressed quite briskly in mowing & making hay.  
Drove to A. Brown's saw-mill and in a dillatory manner loaded up 417 ft hemlock boards sawed out of old logs pr Abel Dimmick Jun - which must be put to the credit of H. Dimmick. S. Pratt Jun was employed in the mill sawing light pine logs into boards - said he owned a cow remarkable for giving milk - his people were obliged to milk her 3 times a day  
On my way home called at Mr Peck's - saw his fine breed of hogs - heard him say he should have given our cow had he been employed - soap, milk & molasses and tanzy tea plentifully given





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- had Horses shod at Harry Norton's - for sixty three cents - took supper at J. Roger's - had a long conversation with my friend on various subjects - looked at his garden &c.

Visited Swift & Son's & bo't on cr. 1 lb hy-skin tea, 75

Our neighbor Fenton lost a fine cow this day by being chained head to foot.

I suggested to Julius Norton the propriety of turning the county road between S. H. Brown's and the top of the long hill S. of Blue Point - would mention to his father on his return from Saratoga, N.Y.

Perhaps this conversation did not happen until Thursday, P.M.

WEDNESDAY, JULY 15 Recollect nothing but that it was good weather and think it was well improved by us in getting up hay. Our cheeses by this time were much less than in June.

THURSDAY, JULY 16 Warm, very fine hay day.

Business advanced handsomely - cloudy & bad signs in the morning. Visited again Brown's mill - found Pratt sawing as before - thought he should get out the present season 100,000 ft stuff. Took of Dimmick's boards - one stock - 125 ft, another of 227 & a part of a stock of 2 inch planks, all being hemlock, measuring say 432 feet. Mr Pratt was very neighborly with me.

On the road homeward called at Mr Bushnell's & rec'd a good drink of cider.

At the store of Swift & Son bo't 2 lbs ginger, pap. pins and Six" worth red chalk - all booked 41 cents.

Saw young Breese, also Eli Carpenter buying scythes.

FRIDAY, JULY 17 Great hay day & pretty warm.

A handsome piece of the clover grass was cut in S.E part of the S. meadow. Sylvanus began to build a fine stack.

SATURDAY, JULY 18 Wind fresh from S. rained by short turns A.M. but P M. past 2 o'clock came on for good.

Got hay as well as we could, mostly in pretty good order.

Sylvanus continued increasing the size of his stack.

All hands were driven within doors when the rain came down steadily.

Mr Moon had been in our service six days.

I read N. Y. papers.

H. Waters came down in the evening in his shirt sleeves through the rain - became quite wet.

We were informed that our old friend and former school companion, Melissa Street, who been sick several days at N. Dexter's, was not expected to continue through the night.





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SUNDAY, JULY 19      Rainy and gloomy in the morning - no rain of much consequence subsequent part of the day.

News was brought this morning that our good friend M. Street breathed her last on Saturday evening about 10 o'clock - aged 38 years and about six months. Her complaint was said to be a diseased liver. She had flattered herself that she should recover until the morning previous to her dissolution when her physician informed her that it was impossible for her to live - She manifested great concern for the future welfare of her soul.

Mr Clark spent some time with her in religious exercises, but after all was said not to be satisfied that her case was safe - was afraid that her repentance was insufficient to satisfy the demands of a just and Holy God.

Be this as it may, we must support her as having supported a fair reputation, having led a life of honesty, respectability & usefulness up to the hour of decease.

She supported herself very handsomely for a number of years with her needle.

Her society was generally pleasant and agreeable to all her friends and acquaintances.

Her father James Street became our nearest neighbor in the spring of ~~1776~~ 1796 and from that period an intimacy with the subject of these remarks and with the other members of s'd family (with some exceptions on account of being scattered away into various parts of the country) subsisted up to the present time.

Melissa was the eldest of 4 daughters & 1 son - her mother, sister's, Betsey & Lucy, were residents of this town. Esther, the only one married, resided in N. Lebanon, N.Y. - James, a man about 31, was at the last date living at Detroit, Michigan - Est. the youngest 29.

We spent many happy days in our youth in attending school in this district accompanied by our deceased friend - and it was this circumstance connected with others too numerous to mention that caused her death to effect the feeling of our family in a manner different from that of any other individual no way connected with us either by blood or marriage.

Mr S., her father, left town late in the year 1800 with the expectation probably of returning to his wife & family whom he left in possession of the tannery formerly the property of Col Elijah Boardman whose heirs recovered it afterwards by mortgage. Mr S. who was at the time under 40 years - never saw fit to return among his family and friends.

H. Clark visited our dairy this P.M.





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MOMDAY, JULY 20 Warm and pleasant.

Attended the funeral of Miss M. Street which was large and respectfully solemnized. Everything was conducted in a manner suitable to the occasion. The pall-bearers were H. Waters, Kendrick N. Blackmer & W. S. Southworth. Mr D. A. Clark delivered an appropriate sermon on "Time" - taking his text in the first of Genesis & the tenth Revelation, 6th verse.

Past noon returned home & assisted in getting up hay - upper S. part of the S. meadow, building stack on the same ground mentioned 26th July 1828.

TUESDAY, JULY 21 Good weather. Continued haying up South - topped stack for the pres't. Old Mr Moon worked P.M.- his grandson Silas Watson entered our service on Monday morning for the week at \$1.

WEDNESDAY, JULY 22 Continued excellent weather with signs however of rain. A piece of mowing producing bountifully, adjoining Brown's line N. of the upper brook - got all up in excellent order and in due season.

THURSDAY, JULY 23 Some rainy and lowery.

A very fine patch or rather a piece of goodly dimensions was mown over by Sylvanus & R. Moon assisted by young Watson. Was informed of the dreadful and most brutal commission of the double crime of incest and rape by our townsman Geo. Nort. for which he was handled by the proper authority, put under heavy bonds for appearance to court & committed to prison until the session the S.Court.

FRIDAY, JULY 24 Cool during the forenoon & not propitious to the business of drying hay - but P.M. the weather proved fine - raked & got in most of s'd hay.

Mr M. & Sylv. cradled a part of the field of rye - some of which was raked & bound by Father & me.

Capt. Martin Scott with Lucretia, his brother Samuel's lady, paid us a lively visit.

Mother was from home but returned in season to exchange a few compliments with those persons.

For got to mention the transportation of a parcel of timber from H. Watson's Waters' for waggon house.

G. N. was or is a man ab't 52.

THEORY OF THE EARTH

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The theory of the earth is a subject of great importance, and one which has attracted the attention of many of the most distinguished scientists of the present age. It is a subject which has been the subject of much speculation and controversy, and it is one which has been the subject of much research and discovery. The theory of the earth is a subject which has been the subject of much speculation and controversy, and it is one which has been the subject of much research and discovery.

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SATURDAY, JULY 25 Warm, very pleasant, wind N.

Bro't business up to a very proper stopping place.  
Hay got in, rye all cradled and two thirds of it raked, bound and  
Dutched up.

Arrived this evening from Hoosick, N.Y., T. C. Parsons Esq with his  
lady and two youngest children, not to forget the eldest daughter Miss  
Annis H., all in usual health.

Our friend John Harwood came to make shoes for us - left this evening  
for home.

H. Waters put in for the night - the present evening.

SATURDAY, AUG. 1 Growing old and not being fond of tying myself down  
to writing as formerly, must account for a depart-  
ure from rules which have generally governed me in keeping my journal -  
probably ere long if my life should be spared I may wholly lay it aside  
as it excludes from my enjoyment many pleas't hours of reading which it  
is likely would be or might be more useful to me.

The Sabbath, July 26th., was no ways remarkable as to weather if I right-  
ly recollect and it was pleasantly passed away in doing necessary busi-  
ness for H. Waters and some part of the time conversing with our  
Hoosick friends, who took leave of us late P.M.

Recollect nothing more of this day except that our young friend Moon  
with his lady rode in our 1 h. wagg. to Braccy's - N.W. part of Benning-  
ton - made no charge of it - Sylvanus went to Pownal.

MONDAY, JULY 27 Fine for business.

Finished binding & Dutching up rye.

The boys commenced mowing the N. meadow - got in the hay that was cut  
in the fore part of the day.

S. Watson continued in our service as heretofore.

TUESDAY, JULY 28 Proved so cloudy and unpropitious to our business  
as to cause us to leave out a few hundred in doodle  
and a part of the hay unraked.

Cousin Emily Robinson spent a short time with us.

We had many warnings of rain, but experienced only one short shower.

WEDNESDAY, JULY 29 Continued dull hay weather - w'd S. - however the  
wind blowing briskly enabled to get in a goodly  
quantity of hay, which if not so thoroughly dried, was well salted.  
Old Wittum visited us.

THURSDAY, JULY 30 No good hay-weather.

Rained some early in the day but to no great am't.

P.M. saw heavy clouds to the N. & S.

Mowing was prosecuted by our boys.

The Hathaway cow was poked for getting into N. Norton's cornfield.





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Drew one load of lumber from H. Waters' shop -  
 Visited Swift's store & bo't braid, binding & sewing silk in am't 15 cents.  
 Did some business with Col Merrill of which I may write heareafter.  
 Cous. Polly & Emily visited here.

FRIDAY, JULY 31 Not very fair in the morning but P.M. was fair and we well improved it.

Finished all off in the N. meadow & drew up one load from the Litt. Mead  
 One circumstance ofcurred to make affairs go bad - The boys in their zeal in prosecution of business, neglected shutting gates and therefore the cows when they came from the pasture turned themselves into the cornfield, but being discovered shortly afterwards, were driven out beofre much damage was wrought.

And now for the last day of the week & first of August - we must write that it was rainy in the early & middle parts & remained cloudy and cool to the end.

Wed., Thursday & Friday were warm days - No getting up hay - boys mowed when it did not rain too hard.

Orren Daniels spent considerable part of the day here - helped mow, milked &c. and then webt to Jewett's brook swimming.

After assisting in the cheese room, unloaded 1 load clap-boards, spread them to season and from H. W's bro't another.

Saw Pliny Dewey, L. Dewey & Brooks at H.W's shop.

Visited Bennington Seminary the joiners work of which was now about completed. Clapboards, as we afterwards ascertained, amounted to about 1700 ft - bill said 2000 - not all yet come from the mill.

Cousins Henry and Andrew Parsons arrived from Hoosick - withbthe former rode to town.

Col. M. had not yet executed my business - invited me to attend the meeting of the Committee of 16th arrangements and also a caucus for the purpose of nominating a Rep. to the Assembly - I declined, and turned a short corner for home.

J. Norton Jr was the man talked of whom I knew to be good and would cheerfully support through thick & thin.

Cous. H., Sally, Damia and myself enjoyed a goodly visit at Mr Andrews - heard fiddle & piano - the latter not in tune.





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SUNDAY, AUG. 2 Fine, warm, excellent hay weather.

Pretty busy with H. Waters - copied a bill of lumber by which Jed. Dewey had sawed materials for our wagg. house, some of which had not been forwarded - others appeared to be deliv'd under mistake which was stated to Dewey accomp'd with a request to make up deficiencies & explain away mistakes.

Wrote Journal, perused papers & Gibbon, also a letter from our old friend Mr L. Bläss, Dated Bridport, July 10, 1829

Mentioned that Mr Ros Mosley had been dead two years leaving his family in good circumstances - Mrs M. quite active & the eldest son a smart young man - the letter spoke of lameness of the writer, pleasant situation near the Lake and a number of circumstances which I have no time to spare in giving place here - Rec'd on Saturday evening.

A young man named Easton died on Friday evening or early on Saturday morning, and his remains were interred this day.

Henry & Andrew Parsons after spending most of the morning with us left for Pownal.

MONDAY, AUGUST 3 Wind blew up strong from the S.

Boys spent the morning mowing - afterwards assisted by Mr S. Moon all the hay we had out was drawn in before sunset. The Litt. Meadow was entirely cleared and the S. mead. so far that there remained only about 5 acres of the S. W. p't yet to mow. Hay taken there this P.M. grew E. of the lane and S. of the Dry Brook. Mr J. Harwood was on the carpet - mended harness & made a pair of thick shoes for R. Moon who found his own stock. S. Watson was likewise with us.

TUESDAY, AUGUST 4 Rained slightly in the morning - held on thick & cloudy to the end of the day.

No branch of haying but mowing was carried on and that not very swiftly.

Visited the Street - New Academy too where they were plastering overhead - Got a load of  $1\frac{1}{4}$  inch boards, and came home, Just after dinner information was brought of our cows having broken in to neighbor Norton's





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fields of rye, corn & oats - the first had been cut, bound & set up Dutch fashion which they overturned with few exceptions - the lower field of corn was badly mangled and a part of the oats were shockingly trampled down - the farther piece of corn sustained a trifling injury. The rye being set up again by us, friend Norman taxed no damage on that - the corn department was, by agreement, put over until after harvest when it would be more apparent what the real amount of mischief would come to. As to the oats we agreed on the spot - I proposed to pay 10 bushels to which he at once acceded.

We spent much time in fixing the fence - felt very much chagrined at the disaster - laid it to the Hathaway cow in part & otherwise imputed it to their getting into our own field on Friday eve.

Mr S. Moon had (ho) oxen & wagg. to go to G. Bennett's, Pow'l.

Mr J. Harwood finished off shoemaking here including harness mending & making 1 pair shoes for S. Watson.

WEDNESDAY, AUG. 5 Cloudy in a small degree but turned out to be a good hay day - also very warm.

A goodly quantity of hay was put in stack near the center of the S. part of the flat N. of the upper brook.

Mr S. Moon assisted one day.

Our cows were watched by S. Watson, afterwards by mother & Hopkins and again by S. Watson.

THURSDAY, AUG. 6 Some signs of rain, cloudy but scattering - very warm - perhaps more so than on the 5th.

Finished off haying at the S.W. corner of the S. meadow - topped the stack mentioned above & got in 4 loads of rye.

Of hay computed the quantity at about 45 tons which added to the old stock on hand would am't to 52 tons.

Stacked out say ten tons in two stacks.

My dear, assisted her son in watching the cows.

Mary Waters performed a large washing here - used their pat't machine.





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FRIDAY, AUG'T 7 Unusually warm - some cloudy - a little smoky.

Completed getting in rye of which there was from six acres 101 shocks & 4 sheaves good & heavy.

Mr Moon came over in the morning expecting to continue in our service, but on being informed by me that our work was so far in advance that we could dispense with his assistance, went home, having milked a few cows & breakfasted with us -

Settled with him in the eve'g and found due him \$8.06.

Late P.M. rode with our boys to Jewett's brook where we enjoyed a pleasant bathing frolic.

R. Moon and S. Watson (who had watched cows for us) were of the party. Our neighbors L. Norton, Fay, The Jewett's & others had not yet wound up haying.

R. M. had worked for us 22 days - S. Watson, 17 - the former at \$18.00 per mo., amounting to \$15.24 - wages of the latter \$3.08

Sylvanus cradled a few swaths of oats.

In the evening went a fishing.

SATURDAY, AUGUST 8 Heat very great and distressing - fly'g clouds.

Building timber hewn by C. Bowker about the middle of April last was drawn home - stack top secured, oats bound &c.

Rode into the Street - got Gazette at the office - had horse shoe set by M. S. Nort.

Saw Col Merrill and desired him to drop the business entrusted to him.

Called at Swift's store - had cork to flute.

Went over to the new Academy.

H. Waters and men engaged in cleaning up house.

H. Wickwire employed at painting in the upper department.

Many of the seats were completed.

Played a few tunes on the flute, both above & below - sounded much the best in the latter place.

Returned home in the empty wagg - Hopkins had accomp'd us.

Miss E. Gleason paid our ladies a short visit P.M. - told Sylvanus her brothers desired he would come up to their house the present evening - he went accordingly.

Diadama returned from S. H. Blackmer's with a pocket organ which pleased us not a little - almost the whole evening was devoted to seeing & hearing it.

R. Moon had the one h. wagg. to go with his wife on a visit to Cheeseman's in the N.W. part of Pownal, 9 or 10 miles distant to go by the meeting house of s'd town.

Adeline, Hopkins & the Moon boys watched cows most of the day.

SUNDAY, AUG'T 9 Muggy warm all the A.M.

Late P.M. came up a thunder shower from N.W. which was most gladly hailed by all the good people of these parts.





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Busy all the morning as usual about dairy concerns -  
Left off to write for H. Waters & before the completion of his business Mr Andrews came in - requested me to walk with him - so I did - met my father on his return from watching cows - he fell in with us and marched back again to the cow pasture where after some time spent in careless strolling and familiar conversation came by way of the Lane to the house where Mr A. took leave astride his little bay mare.

I had once more P. M. to return to the gr't pasture where I read papers & Gibbon until it threatened rain so immediately that I returned to the house in short order.

Had a fine shower.

The evening was devoted to turning cheese which shewed itself to very good disadvantage and that occasioned a harrowing up of all my bad feelings which had vent in no very handsome language.

Sister Lydia went to meeting - aged 38 this day.

Orren W. Daniels and Har. Germond came from Algiers on a visit.

Sylvanus arrived after dark from his jaunt to Shaftsbury.

Moon returned from Pown'l - took a degree of soaking.

S. H. Brown Saturday late P. M. arrived from Connecticut.

Saw our venerable uncle and aunt Taylor - supposed them to be in comfortable health and circumstances.

This morning as Miss Delia Clark and Maj L. Norton's were riding together in the majors one horse wagg. on their way to church coming down the long hill S. of Blue Point, some part of the harness giving way, the horse took fright and ran with such velocity as to throw out the ladies, seat & all - but no serious injury was received, excepting in the person of Miss C. who was so stunned by the violent shock as to deprive her of her reason for awhile.

MONDAY, AUGUST 10 Cl'dy, some rainy in the morn'g.

Grew cold remarkably rapid towards & in the eve'g -  
W'd N.W. Thund'd in the morning.

H. Waters' hands, C. Bowker, D. Story & H. Davis began working on our much talked of frame.

Father devoted the forepart of the day to mending fence on the Nort. line.

Sylvanus meantime dressed a fat sheep - weighing about 43 lbs.

Mr M. assisted - had pluck for pay.

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At noon the Rockwood heifer for misconduct was saluted with a poke.  
P. M. Sylvanus worked with the carpenters.

I was fixed out for mill with a mixture of corn & barley - 10 bbls -to be ground for hogs.

A part of my business was to endeavor to collect money - as I had stepped into R. Moon's shoes in relation to \$7.64 which S. H. Brown had bound himself to pay for s'd Moon on the 11th of this month.

Tried Capt Waters' who said he had none on hand, but would do the best he could to procure it for me.

S.H.B. would give me only until Saturday the 15th to obtain s'd sum.

Halted in Algiers in order to ask B. Squires' for money due for cow hide & calf skins, but the man was absent,

Transacted some business with Mr Peck who was dressing a grass fed beef 4 or 5 years of age which he bo't of Josiah Noble of Pownal for \$20.

By invitation supped with J. Rogers and his four boarders -

Left grist at the mill - drove S. by the old Walbridge place to Libeus Barney's where \$5.50 was due - and got nothing - Mr B. had tried faithfully but as yet could collect no money where due.

Had lost 4 of the best calves he bo't of me last Spring by being torn in pieces by ravenous wolves, one of which Perry Jewett & himself had the fortune not long since to kill - also had 30 h'd of sheep & lambs taken off by the same sort of beasts.

Estimated losses in this way during the 2 last seasons at about \$100.

Would pay me with the first he could get.

Mr J. Harwood left his bill of making & mending shoes, harness &c., am'tg to \$8.38

TUESDAY, AUG. 11 Cool & fair.

Framing went on well under the direction of Mr Bowker - father & Sylvanus united with the carpenter's in their work.  
I assisted at turning cheese which on acc't of the change of weather appeared very favorably -

Threshed some rye, and late in the day got a load of scantling -

Saw H. Waters who said the Woodford sawyers had positively refused selling timber and boards at such low prices as they had done heretofore.

Dr S. & H. Waters had some dispute respecting the price of hemlock planks furnished by the former to the new Academy.

Waters had put them in his sawyer's bill at \$5.00 but the Dr designing to save his money on his subscription to that building





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solicited as a favor the chance of getting those planks because he presumed he could procure them of men that owed him, failing however in that - found himself obliged to apply to Mr E. Lyon to bring them forth with at any price - which L. raised to \$7 pr M. - 8000 feet - causing a variation of \$16. from friend W's bill.

The Doctor wanted H. W. to allow said price - the latter positively refused it. The Doctor offered to divide with him, which he also would not accede to.

C. Bowker was highly pleased this eve'g hearing read my Jour'l.

WEDNESDAY, AUG. 12 Cloudy - moderately warm.

Framing went on at a good rate.

Completed threshing 80 sheaves rye which yielded nearly 5 bbls grain. Carried the same to mill, Mother rode up to the store and bo't brass candlestick & a pair of snuffers for which she said she was going to pay by knitting socks.

Made short tarry - returned in good season - played the flute in the evening.

Read N. Y. Spect. from Maj. L. Norton's.

THURSDAY, AUG. 13 Fine, fair & warm.

In the morning attended to cheese.

P.M. rode up to the Post Office - landed Diadamia at widow Sears' - Visited Algiers - talked with an Englishman who had but lately crossed over from his country - being now employed by Squires' in the saddlers shop - talked with him of the situation of his country - condemned the use of machinery in working up cotton & wool because it wronged the poor out of employment. This was a young man.

Rode up to Mr Doolittle's screw factory where B. Squires was employed in digging a race way by the job - Mr S. was not there - had gone home - returned by the mill - took in grist - called at S's - walked over to the tan house - but finally gave up trying to see friend Buckley.

Came up into the Court House Street - enquired for Breyman Ayres - was directed to the oat field of J. E. Robinson near the S. line of the old Col. Sam. farm where I saw & asked for money for S. W. Daniels & begged a little for myself - Promised to do all he could.

On my way home





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called at Swift & Son's where bo't on cr. 2 lbs tea & other good things mentioned in Merch't Book amounting to \$1.87"

Delia Clark rode home with me from E. Waters' - sent Sylvanus to gallant her to wid. Norton's, her pres't redidence - had considerably recovered from the accident which happened to her on the 9th inst.

FRIDAY, AUG. 14 Pretty warm - some smoky - dry.

Boys advanced the frame so far as to compleat the rafters.

P.M. very busy in getting in oats, most of which were cut with the scythe, making them very bulky - there was 1 l'd of sheaves & 3 of the other - Dark when in with the last load - which friend Bowker helped us get.

Fine light evening - heard Mr Andrew's play the bugle a few strains.

SATURDAY, AUG. 15 Warm again, very dry.

The day was celebrated in commemoration of the Battle of Bennington, Aug 16 1777. Many guns were discharged - bells rung &c. Procession formed late A. M. near the Court House - marched to the meeting house where the usual religious exercises were attended to. besides which a handsome Address was delivered by Elder Keach of Hoosick wherein a particular account of the action was summed up. Capt Sherwood & lady of Hoosick paid us an agreeable visit - with him we walked to town - and after the procession returned to the court house - we came home and enjoyed the company of each of our guests. We thought it too extravagant of us to unite with others at the Brick House in drinking toasts after partaking of a costly dinner - being greatly distressed for money.

For R. Moon on account of work in haying paid Sam'l H. Brown, \$7.64 Moon and Sylvanus sold new cider in town by retail - it was made by the former on shares - we furnished all and hired Dewey's mill when the operation was performed - S. W. Assisted some in making - the yield was little more than 2 bbls.

Daniels was found his day - sold cider enough to bring us \$3.20 - and returned with half the contents of the cask.

Orren W. Daniels in an elegant chaise gallanted to Berlin, N.Y. Miss S. Rhoades on a visit to her father.

Rec'd on acc't from Capt E. Waters \$5. Bennington money.

SUNDAY, AUG. 16 Continued quite warm - wd S. cldy.

Sat up until a late hour last evening making out a full statement of expenses incurred by H. Waters in the erection Bennington Seminary





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was again much employed on that & other jobs of writing - pestered Be-  
dies with driving neighbor B ... & R's cattle out to the road because  
they broke into our enclosures - could not get much time to read.  
Sylvanus and boys, including friend Moon went on an eeling frolic on  
Saturday night - were not over successful - had however more than enoug  
for breakfast consisting of 1 eel & several suckers.

They tried our brook during this day and took a handsome little quanti-  
ty of trout.

The whole party must not be understood as being included in this last  
expedition.

Assisted in turning cheese.

Wrote lots for H. Waters.

Little reading going on with me.

MONDAY, AUGUST 17 Couldy - wind fresh at S.

Our carpenters exerted themselves to get ready to  
raise the frame.

Sylvanus was sent to Montague's for lime and sand.

I had wagg. wheel conveyed over to Mr Ogden's where I made a bargain to  
have it tired - a bar was weigh'd out, being in two pieces which  
weighed enough to come to \$2.19" at six cts pr lb - the setting would  
cost \$1. - let them have some light Eng. 1 h.wagg. tire which at 5 cts  
pr lb am'td to 85 cts which so far paid the shot - said wheel was re-  
paired with new rim and spokes on the 13th and conveyed to Chandler's  
to be ironed, but they failing for stock at present, obliged me to do  
as above stated.

Before noon went S. to invite hands to raising.

Saw Major Luman with whom talked some time - went to Fay's - found the  
Deacon and boys engaged in haying - promised they would attend - went t  
to Loomis' and to Jewett's - at the latter place saw a handsome small  
dairy - talked with friend Levi a good while.

P.M. our raising went up without the slightest difficulty.

Sat up late again making out H. Waters' Statement of expenses in the  
erection pf Bennington Seminary - compleated the same on Tuesday morn'g  
- am't in full, extra's inclusive, to upwards of \$1906.

TUESDAY, AUG. 18 Rained considerably from the S. or S. E. a circum-  
stance highly pleasing to all.

Shingling & planing clapboards was prosecuted by our boys.





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WEDNESDAY, AUG. 19 Cloudy &amp; quite cool.

Rode into town making enquiry for scantling - but could find none.

Too away wheel from Mr Ogden's - new rim and spokes which he said he would charge for as reasonably as I could get it done by any wheelwright.

Luman Sherwood came to see about being boarded here - made no bargain. P.M. attended a public examination of Mr Burnham's Academic Scholars - Classes in Geography, History, Astronomy, Chymistry, Philos. &c were severally examined. Questions of the most intricate kind in the above sciences were put by Mr B. and his assistant, Miss Haswell, which were readily answered by the pupils, but I was sorry to observe one material fault which prevailed almost universally among the members of the Academy - with but few exceptions they spoke astonishingly low.

Miss (Brownson) Bronson of Manchester appeared to take the lead as an accomplished scholar.

When Mr B. had finished the examination of a class he would ask any gentleman present to put any question he might think proper and it would be promptly answered.

When the Grammar Class came on I withdrew - visited Isham's office - looked at the Map of N. Y.

THURSDAY, AUG. 20 Dry and warm -

Visited E. Lyons' mill in Woodford, enquiring all the way for scantling without finding any - the sawyer said he had none but on looking about a small quantity of inferior quality was found, of which including a stock of bad lath and 300 feet seasoned hemlock clap boards my load was formed.

Was a long time loading and feeling rather sick of my lath went to the sawyer's to see if he would sweeten the bargain a little by throwing in more than he had done already - but he did not incline to do it, as he had written it down in his book - so I let it pass.

Saw Mr Lyon, both going & coming - spoke with him concerning the lath, he said he would do what was right.

Load am'td to 903 ft - Got home 4 o'clock P.M.

H. Waters entered this P.M. upon the raising of his high shop frame - had much to do to get ready & finally was unlucky, for when they had partially raised one of the bents - by some mismanagement it fell down again to the no small amazement and jeopardy of all present - knocking down S. H.





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Blackmer, Esq., giving Capt P. Dewey a pretty hard blow on the back, and what was worse than all the rest a Mr Amidon the carpenter who framed the building for Waters lost a finger and rec'd a very serious contusion on the same hand off which the finger was taken. On settling with this unfortunate gent. W., as some compensation for damages, paid for 2 weeks service more than he had performed, settled his doctor's bill and paid his stage fare to Readsborough, the place of his residence. Sylvanus not very well.

FRIDAY, AUGUST 21 Hot and dry.

A hog pen was this day mostly compleated - rec'd assistance from Mr Duncan.

Our joiners on the 20th P.M. were at the raising & were again absent this A.M. in that employment - the building went up clear of all impediments.

Returned at noon, Sylvanus in company bringing down 326 ft pine & spruce boards from H. W's.

P.M. I rode to the P.O. - wrote a letter to P. Wright to inform that we had from 8 to 10 shoats which we would dispose of - wanted an opportunity to make sale. Sent the same by Josiah Wright.

At McEowens' understood referees were sitting upon a cause pending between Col. Brownell of Pownal & our good friend W. Haswell, the merits of which were not stated to me, but the am't in dispute if I rightly recollect was \$109. U.M. Rob. for Haswell & P. Isham for Brownell. Spent a few moments at the store of Swift & Son - informed him, the Doct., of having on hand a quantity of hard cheese which we could neither eat nor dispose of - he said they had the present season sold almost anything in the shape of cheese - upon which I intimated that I would try my fortune with one at their store.

The aforesaid Court, of which Stephen Robinson Esq was the presiding judge, adjourned over to another day so that there was no trial. Our building was advancing handsomely.

SATURDAY, AUG. 22 No abatement of heat nor drought.

They commenced clapboarding - drove on very well. I was employed on hogs trough - tardily indeed.





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Father & Mother visited at Mrs Watson's, Sage's City -  
bo't 1/2 bhl wheat for 50 cts.

Sylvanus mowed weeds and C. thistles - complained of feeling unwell,  
rode to town in part on his own business - had horse shod at Chandler's  
bargained on his own account with Ashley, the taylor, for the making of  
a suit of clothes and with Childs for a pair of boots - that is the  
making only.

Wid. Sears' girls and cous. Em. Rob. paid Diadamia a visit, were anx-  
ious to visit the dairy but did not get permission to do so on account  
of the bad state of the room & a part of the cheese.

Saw my friend H. W. seated flat upon the floor - paying adoration to  
one of the Heathen Deities - late this evening.

SUNDAY, AUGUST 23 Very warm - wind S.

Occupied much in the usual way.

Rec'd a pleas't little from Mr H. Clark.

A Religious Meeting was holden at our school house - some part of this  
family attended.

MONDAY, AUG. 24 Extremely warm & dry.

Assisted in the morning at poking cows and after-  
wards tinkered at the hog-pen most of the day.

Sylvanus drew stone with Tho's Kent for his mother the Wid.

Died this P.M. at his father's house Reuben Robinson the third son of  
Aaron R. in his 32d. His last illness was of but short duration -  
little more than 1 week - supported a spotless reputation, possessing  
the friendship and esteem of all who knew him - held the office of  
First Constable.

TUESDAY, AUGUST 25 Continued warm & dry.

Busy with joiners.

Do not very clearly recollect what was going on this day as I neglected  
making any minutes.

Father & Sylvanus busy at wall.

WEDNESDAY, AUG. 26 A little more cool, but as dry as heretofore.

Kept company with joiners.

Sold John Ayres 2 shoats, male and female, the former at 4, the latter  
at 3½" pr lb - the bargain was closed by his paying me 2 dolls 16 cts  
in m̄ney - the remainder he engaged to pay to Norman Norton on account  
of oat damage. See Aug. 4, which would answer our purpose the same as  
cash.

The funeral of Mr R. was numerously attended, 1 o'clock P.M. but owing  
to a quarrel with my dull razor did not reach the meeting house in sea-  
son to join in hearing any part of the exercises. Mr Gridley of Wil-  
liamstown preached the sermon. Attended to temporal

Letter of the Secretary of the Navy to the President

Washington, D.C., January 1, 1892  
Dear Sir: I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 29th inst. in relation to the proposed purchase of the ship "Albatross" for the service of the Navy. The ship is now in the hands of the Navy Department, and it is the duty of this Department to see that the ship is properly equipped for the service to which it is assigned. The ship is now being fitted out for the service of the Navy, and it is expected that it will be ready for service in a few months.

I am, Sir, very respectfully,  
Your obedient servant,  
John D. Long, Secretary of the Navy

Enclosed for you are two copies of a report of the Secretary of the Navy, dated January 1, 1892, in relation to the proposed purchase of the ship "Albatross" for the service of the Navy. The report contains a full statement of the facts and circumstances connected with the proposed purchase, and it is believed that it will be of interest to you. I am, Sir, very respectfully,  
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concerns - Settled the price of repairing forward wagg. wheel with the chaise or coach maker, Mr Ogden, which he fixed at \$3.

Bo't goods at Dr Swift's consisting of 3 shaker brooms - at 29 cts - 1 lb tea 75" - 2 lbs sug. at 12" - paid in money to apply on borrowed \$2.25".

Walked to the P.O. and staid awhile - after coming away spoke with capt David Robinson who made enquiry respecting Mr C. in this qr, whether he visited as much as his duty required.

Met Maj. Haynes who said his lady had a shoat which she would dispose of - very fine - would weigh perhaps 100 lbs - told him I could not buy.

Remember no more of this day.

THURSDAY, AUGUST 27 No material change in the weather - neither in business according to the best of my recollection.

Mr Ayres sent his son Jo. and rec'd those pigs mentioned on the 26th - the male weighed  $57\frac{3}{4}$  lbs - female  $54\frac{3}{4}$  lbs which at the prices named in the contract amt'd to \$4.22".

Our new pen was christened by the entry of three yearlings sows which had brought us as many litters of pigs.

Sylvanus went to town in the evening and bro't home nails, butts and screws from Swift's store as mentioned in the day book.

Joiners doing well.

FRIDAY, AUST 28 Very warm and scorchingly dry.  
Main employments the same.

Procured the use of Mr Robinson & Brown's oxen for service in building wall - they said they worked them only about 2 hours.

Business called me to Dr Swift's and to Algiers - left  $12\frac{1}{2}$  bhls corn inclusive of  $\frac{1}{2}$  do oats at the mill - had 1 bagful ground - bo't  $1\frac{1}{2}$  rennets of Mrs J. Harwood who informed me her son had some notion of buying the Parsons Place in our neighborhood.

Had horse shoeing done at Henry Norton's amounting to 39" - weaving irons to wagg. box 34".

Left a small quantity of wool at Voluntines to be carded.

Saw and conversed in a most friendly and familiar manner my friend John Norton, calling to memory many little incidents that occurred in our infancy. He was ploughing stubble land, or was about going at it.

On my way home rec'd at S. & Son's on credit glass - 15 panes, 7x9 - 12 6x8 - 15 lbs 20d nails at 6d - Doorlatch 10 cts - glass, former at 4 cts, latter at 3".

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the cheese mentioned on the 22d was sold,  $25\frac{1}{2}$  lbs to J.K.Hicks at 6" amounting to \$1.53".

Called at H. Waters' shop - went to hicks' for him to get a load of clapboards which he had purchased there - after loading the same he treated at the bar with some most excellent small beer which I stood greatly in need of.

Waters had 1250 ft said lumber, of which he sold me 168 ft at 10 dollars pr thous'd - likewise bo't of him 3 pieces of ranging timber 20 ft long, measuring 150 ft board measure - a round piece of spruce inclusive - had a 15 lighted sash - price 90 cts - reached home early in the evening.

Boys going on well with the building, all finished outside, including stairs.

My hemlock clapboards answered a valuable purpose.

H. Davis absent from Tuesday noon until this morning.

SATURDAY, AUG. 29 Cloudy and some cool P.M., rained very slightly.

Joiners were attended to - they worked us out of nails, and almost out of flooring stuff.

Mr Squires from the N.E. part of Rutland, Vt., with his lady, son and niece made a short call between 10 A.M. & 1 P.M.

Mrs S. was the daughter of my father's uncle Eleazer Harwood who was the Cong. Minister of Pittsford, Vt., dying in May 1807.

Father & Sylvanus quitted their wall at noon.

P.M. the latter was absent in Algiers with team & wagg. returned without grist.

Evening a bonfire was made of joiners shavings.

Rec'd a visit from Messrs Kendrick & Southworth and the Misses Caroline and Mary waters - H. Waters was also here.

I played the flute accompanied by Diadamia's voice.

They appeared well pleased.

On Thursday Mr Farrington the dentist performed an operation in his line on the jaws and teeth of our sister D. insetting a row of artificials in front - improving her looks and speech greatly.

Bowker & Story worked 6 days a piece.

SUNDAY, AUGUST 30 Warm and dry - no material change. My business

drove me up pretty sharply - could not get time to read much - however, examined the pages of Gibbon, briefly where he relates the conduct of Julian previous to his being engaged with Constantius. Father & mother heard of Mr C's trimming sermons. S.W. Daniels visited his father in Pownal. H.W. was here a part of the day.

MONDAY, AUGUST 31 Continued much as it had been, cool nights. Father & Sylvanus were employed at walling. I waited upon the joiners - Procured 265 ft spruce boards with the exception of 1 piece pine -





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145 feet of H. Waters and the remainder of Chandler & Son on cr - as entered in my daily acc't.

Bo't of Brown & Fay this morning 12 $\frac{1}{2}$  lbs nails for which they charged \$1. Did not like the mode of weighing practiced by the cl'k - weighed again at home with sealed steelyards & found a deficiency of 2 oz.

P.M. rode to mill - Diadama in company to Chandler's - gave orders for some spout urons - waited at the mill for my grist to be finished - about sunset when I got home - had at Swift & Son's 5 lbs nails and those irons were completed for which they took their pay in a rod of round iron bo't of Brinkerhoff, Troy, 21st Oct. last, for which gave 9" the bolts which they made were 3 in number cut from a round bar  $\frac{3}{4}$  inch in diameter - answered the end well notwithstanding the sneers of our workmen.

Bowker this day, assisted by father and Sylvanus cut a tree of poplar of suitable size of which he made a cane spout or gutter 32 feet long, had it ready for raising.

Story & Davis finished the granary & laying floor.

TUESDAY, SEPT. 1 Very warm indeed - fire on mountains at the East.

The eave spout was raised in the morning & had it spiked to the new shed in proper order, and out joiners made an end of their services for the present. See Aug. 10.

P.M. with my father rode to the Court House where we carried in ballots for S.C. Crafts, Gov., Hen. Olin, Lt Gov & r., Benj. Swan, Treas'r - none for Councillors - there being 3 lists of candidates up we concluded to leave that department to the choice of others - very sincerely balloted for our friend J. Norton against whom there were but seven votes in opposition. Such an election had not occurred for Representative in Bennington for more than 35 years. So little anxiety was manifested on the occasion as to draw but few of the people together comparatively. Norton rec'd about 250 votes.

The boys were foiled in an attempt to go to a Camp Meeting somewhere in Cambridge, N.Y., wanted to attend for the sake of a high scrape.

Last evening Miss Dama having been at a party & entertainm't at Mr Andrew's was accomp'd home by Mr A. & lady, Mr Lusk, our new Academy Principal, Miss Eliza Haswell, Miss M. Merrill & Miss Car. Waters. Mr A. performed a comic song.

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WEDNESDAY, SEPT. 2 Heat very oppressive, especially at night when there came on a thunder shower, seemed to lighten continually - no great quantity of rain fell, we were thankful for what was received. Worked at wall on the North Line.

THURSDAY, SEPT. 3 In the night a great and sudden change in the weather took place - the cold was as uncomfortable as the heat had been the preceding day. A visit from Mrs Street and daughters Betsey & Lucy, Mrs Waters, Mrs Dexter, also Mrs Sam. H. Brown. Worked at said wall.

FRIDAY, SEPT. 4 Continued cloudy & cool - wind N. Sylvanus was sent for Mrs Kent with horses & wagg. to draw timber for her house frame which was now in progress - it was gratuitously bestowed by our friend Eli Carpenter who sent me word not to trust my good friend Brayton with my cheese. We cleared off about the new shed carried off chips and shavings to Wid. K's - carted gravel to make ground under said shed. Sally rec'd comp'y, Mrs Norton, Mrs Andrews, Mrs Kent & Miss Hurd. In the edge of the evening Mr Norton came to wait upon his lady home.

SATURDAY, SEPT. 5 Fair and cool - wind dry & strong N. One of the smallest of our fat hogs weighing 241 pounds was handsomely butchered and dressed by S.W. Daniels assisted by R. Moon who was accompanied by his brother-in-law Cheeseman. Finished gravelling shed bottom, and the other work about that building. Sylvanus salted the pork and assisted in raising the frame of Mrs K's house.

SUNDAY, SEPT. 6 Fair, dry & cool - wind N.W. Assisted in handling cheese - took off beard - performed as usual in the way of writing - read newspapers - and Gibbon on the early part of the reign of the Emperor Julian. Orrin & Sylvanus W. Daniels rode together to Pownal. An odd preacher was said to have spoken this day.

MONDAY, SEPT. 7 High wind from the N. - dust flying. Finished off walling for the present on Norton's line against the S.E. Division of the Clay Pasture - amounting to rods whole wall on old half-wall foundation - Drew from another fence of the same description, in ruins, on the opposite end of the pasture materials to make it out.

Mr Eben Rhodes Jr of Berlin, N.Y. came to gallant home his sister Susan in order that she might make a visit and witness the marriage of her sister Lovicy the next Sabbath.

Rec'd a visit from capt. M. Scott this eve'g, likewise from W.S. Southworth - the latter tarried over night.





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TUESDAY, SEPT. 8 Chilly - rained faintly P.M. Gravelled horse path about the cider mill - topped stack ready for rain-made a new arrangement respecting hogs - procured horse hooks from old posts and app. trees which were driven up in the posts of the new shed. Mr Squires, lady and son on their return from Lanesboro arrived past noon.

WEDNESDAY, SEPT. 9 Fair in the main - flying clouds, high winds and some chilly from N.

Father & Diadamia accompanied Mr Squires & folks to the E. part of Bennington to see the ground where Eleazer Harwood once resided - Mrs S. being one of his daughters.

They then visited at capt P. Harwood's and at uncle S. Robinson's where they took leave of Mr S.

In the morning some papers were exhibited and some explanatory conversation took place with Mr S. shewing that my father's eldest brother had not the shadow of a claim on the estate of the late P. Harwood.

Paid a visit to Capt L. Sherwood who happened not to be at home on my first arrival - dined - saw the dairy - a fine one for 19 cows and apparently in excellent order - waited impatiently to see him - but at last he appeared. Consulted with him on various concerns - more especially cheese - came to no certain conclusion - said he had engaged to oversee or superintend the erection of the Whitehouse Bridge which would call him from home a good deal - wanted I should try to seek a good chance to sell cheese &c.

Mr D. Rogers Sen was there spinning a bed rope - said his son D. had about 150 lambs, Saxon, the finest he ever saw.

Capt S. had some very fine pigs which he was fattening - all his affairs appeared to be going on in usual prosperity.

Returning home by way of Mr Fuller's, agreed with the man to make casks as he did last season if wanted.

Bo't of Swift & Son 1 two bhl,  $1\frac{1}{2}$  do & 1 bhl oak baskets, the whole for \$1.79" on cr.

I was out on horseback.

THURSDAY, SEPT. 10 Fine & Cool - wind N.

We cut up corn assisted by R. Moon.

Samuel Isbel of Chenengo Co., N.Y. with his 2 sisters paid us a short visit.

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FRIDAY, SEPT. 11 There was a frost of considerable note this morning the day was more warm than the preceding - w'd N.

Continued busy with our corn.

This evening our neighbor R. Moon having by various means gotten together a span of old horses, harness & wagg. of like kind - in a private manner made good his retreat out of Tanbrook - leaving a balance in my favor of \$1.13" unpaid. See my narrow Ledger page 5.

Sylvanus went to Algiers to see his brother Orren, but learned that a day or two since he had engaged as Topman at the Furnace for \$20. pr month - out of which must pay his board at \$1.25" pr week.

SATURDAY, SEPT. 12 Fair partly - there were many gr't signs of rain - hazed up pretty thick.

Finished binding & setting up the corn cut the 2 preced'g days by say 3 o'clock, P.M., assisted by T. & K. Kent who worked for us only in the A.M. and settled the bill by letting them have horse & wagg. P.M. to go with their mother to S. Robinson's where they were to have grain to carry to mill - we sent along 2 bhls to be ground.

On Wednesday Sylvanus threshed 10 sh'ks rye which yielded 9 bhls (See Aug. 12)

Same day I borrowed of Swift & Son \$2. in money which I next morning sent to Miss Hurd to apply on School bill.

Sylvanus rode the bay horse to see Orren at the Furnace.

SUNDAY, SEPT. 13 Gloomy, chilly, rainy in a degree.

Nothing unusual is to be noted down for this day, excepting Sylvanus' going to Berlin, N.Y. to be at the wedding and to gallant Miss Susan back to Bennington.

Mr Lusk, a stranger, preached to our congregation.

I would read in spite of other calls - some of the pages of Gibbon employed me.

MONDAY, SEPT. 14 Continued cloudy & unpleas't.

Finished cutting up corn - wound off husking corn. William & Susan arrived from Berlin - had enjoyed a fine wedding visit, and ride - got here a little after dark.

TUESDAY, SEPT. 15 Broken cl'ds - in the main pleas't & cool.

In binding corn shocks or rather in binding & setting up corn in shocks rec'd assistance from T. Kent and his brother R. - they had our team P.M. in their service.

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WEDNESDAY, SEPT. 16 Cool and cloudy -

Dug potatoes - found the yield light in consequence of drought.

Aunt S. Robinson came up on a visit.

Cold nights and frosty mornings were common about this time.

THURSDAY, SEPT. 17 Cool - wind N.

Same business continued.

Aunt S. continued her visit here.

Cousins Mary Ann & Delia Waters obliged our ladies with their company this day.

On Monday Mr E. Carpenter called at the house a few minutes past 1 P.M. and requested a horse to ride home as he had just returned from New York where in walking over the pavements had blistered his toes shockingly. I bro't up the beast for him and after conversing with him about the state of the market &c. he offered me pay which I refused - but he seemed so anxious that I should receive it - to satisfy him let him give me 10 cts - so he rode off and sent one of his boys home with the mare.

On Tuesday should have mentioned more of the transactions of that day. P.M. rode up with father and assisted in the app't of First & Second Constables - the former was conferred on Hiram Blackmer by nomination - leaving his place vacant - in going round the first time there was no choice - the two highest candidates were G. S. Brannock and Nathan L. Robinson.

At the 2d ballot the former took it by a handsome majority.

I felt very careless as to who might get the appointment, but thought if my cousin wished it & the people were willing to give it him, I could & did support him. See Aug. 24

FRIDAY, SEPT. 18 Dry &amp; fair - cold in the evening.

Continued digging potatoes which were of little amount comparatively - the size too was in general handsome.

Aunt S. departed for home.

Deac. S. Hinsdill was said or was understood to be breaking down in his extensive manufacturing concerns.

Capt M. Scott rode out with cous. Caroline Waters in his gay chaise, drawn by his elegant white steed - made a very short tarry here - would leave town very early on the morrow.

With my son this evening walked to Mr Moon's - Mrs M. was spinning wool said her husband was out hunting skunks - procured a well bucket which he had made for us - with temporary hoops - price 2/3 and came home. Saw old Wittum there.

Returned H. Waters' clapboards 168 ft this morn'g

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SATURDAY, SEPT. 19 Warm & cloudy, wind S. Contin'd the same business in the main.

Deac. E. Fay visited us near the close of the day.

Miss Hurd closed her school this day - we suppose the people of the Dis't were well pleased with her manage't trough the season.

This evening our cheese was handled in short order - Sylvanus assisted. He had attended an election training - Norman Blackmer, Capt.

Sam Duncan late A.M. called to go to training with S. assisted at our work - but was so bashful he could not be prevailed upon to dine with us.

The stove was brought from the other house and set up in this house in the morning - I was not over condescending in this thing.

A new Manilla Grass bed-cord was bro't home by Sylvanus and this eve'g the bedstead after having been dismissed many weeks was set up and re-stored to its place.

Here again I refused to act - thinking it might be put over to a more convenient time. Sylvanus was chief engineer.

Added acc'ts for H. Waters amounting to nearly \$700 - performed writing as usual.

W. S. Southworth visited us.

SUNDAY, SEPT. 20 If we had not wished for rain ardently, this would have been considered a gloomy day - would set it down for rainy, moderately. Had more than usual time for reading which was improved in following up the thread of Gibbon's delineation of the active reign of the Emperor Julian. Ben Sears obliged us with his company. H. Waters spent here most of the day - lent me obligingly 10 doll to be paid ere Dr Swift went for goods to N.Y. which I engaged so to do Fifteen of our cows staid out in the woods - in spite of my looking for them in thick darkness and rain. Nobody attended meeting excepting Adeline.

MONDAY, SEPT. 21 Wet morning, cool air & flying clds succeeded. We early were in pursuit of the cows which were found in the N. end of the Street lot - Removed cheese press up to the house of permanent residence - finished digging potatoes - a quantity of unhusked corn was gathered into the barn. Sylvanus complained of bad health. Mr Duncan shewed us a petition handsomely drawn by the hand of the Hon. Col. Merrill praying for the release of his son Arch'd from the State Prison, addressed to Gov. & Council - set my own and my father's names thereto. Diadama arrived from J. Rogers' where she said Benn't, Horatio & Adeline Stone from North Bramford, Conn., arrived on Wed. last. Late in the day I rode over to the E. part of the town & left with Miss Ruth Hurd our late Dis't teacher \$10 in Bennington money - she had not made out the bill therefore could not make a settlem't - Saw the old gent & her father, mother-in-law & sister - it was dark - staid but a short time - returned in the dark - Saw Sam H. Brown who talked distantly of buying cheese.





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Stated on the past page that we finished digging potatoes, which only meant in the regular field - those remained to dig that grew about the cornfield with a small exception, besides others near the house. Mr E. Fay Jr paid us a visit late in the day, looked at our fat hogs, dairy &c.

TUESDAY, SEPT. 22 Unusually fine clear weather.

We attended to business respecting hogs which were removed from the big orchard into that E. of the dairy house - gathered part of a load of apples - erected a shantee for pigs. V.D. McEowen brought pots to be filled with butter - he bespoke 100 lbs the present fall, which I promised him. Sylvanus being unwell rode away in the l h. wagg. - conveyed Adeline to Algiers - went to the Furnace, saw his brother Orren - returned with the new Moon bucket - iron bound - which was fixed to the pole.

WEDNESDAY, SEPT. 23 Cool - some few flying cl'ds. Had 2 ploughs in motion - the potatoe field was plowed over and finished before night - had time to pay attention to our cousins from Connecticut - Adeline Stone & her brother Bennett. They were accompanied here by J. Rogers who was very cheerful & gay. Our friends came in Steam-boats from N. Haven to Troy. Sylvanus was able to assist some in the morning at plow'g, afterwards husked corn - but had not fully recov'd his health.

THURSDAY, SEPT. 24 Sound weather continued - indeed there were signs of rain. The field aforesaid was sown with rye - the ground harrowed over faithfully & well rolled to prepare it for mowing hereafter - Canada thistles too plenty to admit of plowing profitably any longer. Adeline S. entertained us most agreeably with songs elegantly sung. Our ladies had the pleasure of waiting upon Mrs Aaron Robinson, Mrs E. Waters & Mrs Rachel Hunter, formerly Miss Bliss - daughter of Mr L. B. Mrs Duhcan paid us a short visit A.M. - went away on acc't of not wishing to join the above mentioned company. A. D. Robinson conveyed said ladies to and from this ancient mansion.

FRIDAY, SEPT. 25 Showery - rained a good deal and there were many pretty heavy claps of thunder & vivid flashes of lightning. The rains that came at this time cheered our prospects much raised the streams in a small degree. We commenced putting in order the cider press and mill on Wed'y - more was done this day. Chand's folks mended one of the big post stirrups bolted on in 1827.





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P.M. conveyed a cask of soap to Volentine's Factory for which rec'd credit \$4.20, being at the rate of \$3. pr bbl - left cloth to be dressed madder-red at 25 cts pr y'd.

Went to the Furnace to see if I could market our hogs - looked about awhile - Saw O.W. Daniels. Missed seeing Mr Stiles the Agent who was not at home and who was expected not to return until Monday - left word with young Mr Taft who said he would state to him respecting the hogs as I desired.

Mr T. gave me Mr Lyons' receipt for money left with him to pay in Nov. last as may be seen.

Mr L. Dewey accompanied me from our house in all this business until my return into Alg. Street where he left me.

Saw Levi Jewett and spoke with him respecting the repairs necessary to our school house - he appeared to be engaged in the cause and seemed willing to do what was fair.

Visited the Post Office - heard Col Merrill, Mr Pool & Sol. Clark discussing the theory of the Earth, Sun, Planets, &c - procured the Gaz. of Sept 22 & arrived here in time to escape wetting in a pretty serious little thund. shower.

L. Jewett informed me that Mr Pliny Wright had bargained away his cheese at \$6.75" pr cwt. This information made me think it was high time for me to be finding out a way of disposing of ours - called for a letter at the office which I was looking for, from Mr Brayton of Adams, Ms - they said there was none to me - so I concluded to pay the man a visit on the morrow.

Miss Adeline Stone gave us more good music this evening.

On Thursday, if I mistake not, the new Church in E. Village was raised compleat.

SATURDAY, SEPT. 26 Flying clouds - air very cool - high wind blowing stoutly from N.W..

Winter seemed to threaten at a distance.

Accompanied by my daughter rode to Mr L. Smedley's - Williamstown - dined - enquired how dairies were selling - was informed on pretty low terms - concluded not to depart from my original plan - so leaving Adeline proceeded to the store of Mr B. where after some conversation on the pressure of the times and the faint encouragement he had for buying cheese, agreed to sell mine on the same terms as in 1828 - only he gave me a chance of being paid fifty dollars more on delivery than last year He drew a note payable at Farmer's Bank, Troy, 90 days from date (Oct. 1st) for \$200. for which gave my receipt - to wind up he gave me a glass of wine.

Mr B. went off to attend a reference of which he was to sit as Chairman





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Made some little inquiry respecting pork, but found nothing going on in that business.

Bo't of a pedlat a wooden dish handled for 1/0 and a hickory whip-stock for 12 cts paid.

Mr B. said he had written to me and the other dairymen of this place on Saturday last in which he had made nearly the same proposals as we had just agreed to - & as it respected the Sherwood's and Mr Gale - the same as last year.

Mr Kelly's he did not want, and Mr Vail's being under size, advised him to sell in Troy as he could as he could not pay as much as he could obtain probably there.

Returned to Mr S's - supped & started for home past 5 and made a pretty quick passage as the old mare by going away without the colt travelled spiritedly to see her darling.

On the way down called at Mr Wrights' to see his dairy which I found in real prime order - many of the cheeses would weigh 80 lbs - under the managem't of Miss Shepherdson as heretofore - but she had higher wages - did not say how much.

Mr L. Smedley Sen was employed in nursing his nephew Hervey the son of his brother Elijah, who had gone through with a course of fever - was now thought to be in a way to recover.

Mr Wright I was told milked but 27 cows - expected to send off 7000 wt besides paying off in that article many of his men.

SUNDAY, SEPT. 27 Fair and cold - wind N.W. The pen employed me as usual. H. Waters here by turns the most of the day. Copied music from a stranger's book. Father attended Public Worship. Could get but little time for reading Gibbon. Mr Wm Eldred of Pownal called here in the morning - Sylvanus accomp'd him home on horseback.

MONDAY, SEPT. 28 A real heavy frost cov'd the ground this morning. Visited the house of Mr More in Algiers early - young Elijah was not up, but his mother soon raised him and I bargained to have 20 cheese casks made at 25 cts a piece, materials excepting hoops being furnished by me - to be paid for thus - \$2. cash - \$2. cheese & \$1. in butter - the bill to be all paid by the 10th Nov. next. Returned home - loaded up stuff - halted and procured more at the house of H. Waters - disposed of my load at M's - waited at H. Norton's sometime to get horses shod, but he did not appear.





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Had with me Miss Hurd's School Bill which it was my duty to collect -  
Called on Mr S. Pratt Jr who paid his, 93", in full - was well satisfied  
Mrs R. Smith said she would send it me.

From Pratt's saw Thayer with another man undertook to ride with me but  
finding me so prone to make halts they left the establishment.

H. Norton was hunting pigeons with E. More - said he had no coals.

Mr Fay's bill, about 60 cts, was not p'd.

Fenton p'd his, and that was all I rec'd on that thing this day.

Visited at the S. this eve'g. Called upon G. House, but on examining,  
his name was not inserted in the Bill - went to his father's - the good  
man was not ready - conversed for some time on farming &c.

Saw there Miss Emily Scott who was quite sociable.

My daughter this day entered her fourteenth year.

The buckwheat was cut & sat up by father & Sylvanus.

Let me return to my Southern evening expedition - Came up to neighbor  
Levi's, not prepared to pay S. Bill.

Miss Eunice had her gr't kitchen crammed full of the neighboring beaux  
and belles paring apples with the greatest celerity. Neither was this  
honorable old maid ready to hand over notwithstanding the smallness of  
the demand.

Could not prevail on Sylvanus to ride home with me & therefore came on  
alone.

TUESDAY, SEPT. 29 Rained pretty powerfully early part of the day,  
flying clouds and mild the remainder of the 29th -

W'd S. Affairs at the barn was attended to - cheese likewise - sent  
Sylvanus to E. Carpenter to collect School money, but he got none.  
Late in the day walked to the Furnace's, accomp'd a part of the way by  
Smith Crawford who said he had taken apples to convert into cider on  
shares, of Dr H. Swift - supposed it worth in market 5/0.  
Viewed fires - Mr Stiles had just returned from Troy - didn't wish to  
purchase pork at present - so my mission failed.

WEDNESDAY, SEPT. 30 Moderately warm, cl'dy - rained hard in the evening  
Apples in the Litt. Meadow were gath'd.

Reub Kent assisted, as also Mrs Ayres & her husband.

Lyd. & Damia visited White Creek.

Jane & Delia Loomis came up to get some work done by Diadamia.

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 1 Very harsh & chilly, high wind, from N.W. - cldy -  
Some few flakes snow flying from that quarter.

The Litt. Meadow being cleared of apples the cows were turned there.  
Potatoes were dug in the old garden spot.

P.M. waited upon Mrs Ayres to Mr Estey's where she disposed 6½ bhls  
onions at 3/6 and a few beets.





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FRIDAY, OCTOBER 2d Frosty morning - very fine day. Winter apples were gathered - Reub Kent assisted.

Many little circumstances must be omitted. I was fishing for money and after long waiting had my note of \$200 discounted - rec'g \$197. interest for 90 days deducted - endorsed said note.

Marched down to Swift & S's and paid to them on book acc't \$50. to H. Waters \$10 borrowed money, \$14. on acc't - to F.B. & Co., \$3.00 and after getting home paid S. W. Daniels \$18.50" toward debt.

At cous. U. M. Robinson's was introduced to our cousin Geo P. Harwood, only son of our uncle Jonas H. - accomp'd me home.

Our ladies paid a visit to capt. Waters' people.

Yesterday rec'd a letter from cous. H. Palmer, dated Hopkinton, N.Y. Sept 1829, giving a short account of the death of Ros'll Hopkins Esq on the 5th of s'd month in his 73d year. He was on his way to Vermont in a one horse wagg. accomp'd by his lady, his horse took fright at a load of deerskins in the town of , became unmanageable, upset the wagon by which he was thrown out and so severely hurt as to cause his death the 2d day afterwards - 5th of September.

Settled accounts with Susan Rhodes who had worked for us 13 weeks and 4 days, making out a bill of \$13.67" - had paid by way of Caroline Waters 83 cts which left me in debt to her \$12.84" - paid the same in money this evening.

She was a faithful, well disposed, profitable girl.

SATURDAY, OCT. 3d Warm, strong S. wind - rained at night.

With my lady and Miss Rhodes in one h. wagg. rode to Berlin, N.Y., Saw some cornfields pretty well covered with pumpkins. Made a halt at the Elder Brown Place where Case Rhodes, one of Miss R's brothers, resided - saw only his wife and daughter - the latter a pale youth, supposed to have a consumption - arrived at her father's past 2 P.M. All hands glad to see Susan. Looked about the place some situated about a mile S.W. of the Village of in a narrow Valley - rough and stony. Turned the old gentleman's machine for sawing wood - found it much worse than to saw by hand.

They were getting in un-husked corn.

Saw the 3rd Vol of Sir Geo. Staunton's Embassy to China.

Saw Mrs Boon who with Susan went to pay their brother-in-law Taylor a visit because he was sick at his father's.

Eben R. Jr managed getting up corn - said the quality of their soil was excellent.

From Mr R's proceeded over to Landen





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Griswold's. Friend G. was engaged at a neighboring mill making cider - Were received handsomely - our friend Patience preserved much of her taste for the eccentric and facetious.

In the evening we were entertained with singing by Miss Phoebe Jones a lady in the employ of Mrs G. - but it was no treat to us for her voice was as harsh as a grater - her music was of the slow melancholy kind - two pieces sufficed.

SUNDAY, OCT. 4 High, cold, N.W. wind - Spent the time while we staid reading School Books - Old 3d Part Art of Reading &c., some very good pieces which were well rec'd by my friend Landen.

Mrs G's girl of 16 left her about noon - it was not our singer - & we, after a mutual exchange of compliments, took leave past 1 P.M.

Near Gen. Worthington's saw cous. Mary Harwood & Miss B. Phillips who informed us that their people were all in usual health.

Got home after dark.

H. Waters had been engaged in cooking custard made very rich.

There was a Colonization Sermon preached here this day and a contribution taken up for that Society - my father dropped in 25 cts .

Success to Woolly Freedom.

MONDAY, OCT. 5 Cold day, wind N.W. Gathering apples employed us Cous Geo. assisted - commencing service for one month - no price agreed on - Reub Kent also assisted. Father was ill with sore leg. Settl'd acc'ts with Silas Moon and owed him 94 cts -p'd him in cheese 42 cents towards the same.

Mr Solomons called to see if I would deal with him for a black heifer 2 yrs old last Spring - saw the creature - but no bargain ensued. Old Mr Bingham came to visit us, made a prayer, was warmly in favor of Rev'd D A. Clark. E. Carpenter called upon us and very honorably paid his school rate of \$1.36. Appeared much pleased with the management of Miss Hurd last summer.

TUESDAY, OCT. 6 Some few heavy gusts N.W. wind, otherwise very agreeable & pleas't. We husked corn in the field. Father was taken ill & had to go to the house before night. Sylvanus went to a company training. Turned cheese in the evening. Visited by N.L. Rob'n

WEDNESDAY, OCT. 7 Gentle wind N., mild & hazy. App's in the upper orchard were gathered. Reub Kent who came on late assisted. Father went to Dr H. Swift for advice respecting his sore leg & was told that it was the erysipelas that ailed it. The boys having got 1 load cornstalks & butts eve'g visited Algiers & returned with 20 ch. casks made according to agreement as near as could be expected from them. Sent them 1 cheese which weighed  $26\frac{3}{4}$  lbs & 1 dollar in money, making out \$2. towards their bill - Bo't at Swift & Son's  $1\frac{1}{2}$  G. Molasses at 44". Caroline Waters fell from an app. tree & broke her left wrist. A very large cheese of 2 curds was this day made by my wife - weighed some days subsequently, 72 lbs - the heaviest ever made on the farm.





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THURSDAY, OCT. 8 Handsome mild weather. Six l'ds app's were procur-  
ed from the afors'd orc'd - Reub Kent assisted.

Adeline & Hopkins were sent to town for Dr H. Swift & other purposes on  
account of father's leg which assumed an alarming appearance - the Dr  
came & pronounced it a bad leg and went to work in earnest to endeavor  
to cure it. Sylvanus & H. Waters hunted skunk in the evening.

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 9 Very fair & handsome - w'd N.W. Three loads apples  
were added to the heap.

Cous. George did not quit his ground and I believe Reub Kent was with  
him P.M.

Sylvanus was employed under arms in The Floodwood Company - Gen'l Muster  
Reg. occupied the field N. side of the road from formerly the property  
of Judge J. Robinson.

Rode with my son into the Street in order to see and be seen.

When first up there was a recess - had not finished dinner - they were  
however soon out - walked to the field and saw them maneuver & fire,  
not very expert I thought at the last business.

From E. Fay Jr rec'd school rate, 78 cents.

Paid Elisha Lyon in full for lumber \$4.50" - said he would balance the  
acc't - SEE Aug 20 - Paid Capt P. Dewey for use of cider mill 23 cents.  
Reg't moved out of the field late P.M. - marched up and down and up  
street again and then dismissed - numbers but limited - especially the  
Cavalry. Came home by sunset.

H. Waters enjoyed the day I think in getting feathering his winter  
fruits and visiting the cave vicinity with Lyd. & Damia, taking view of  
the town &c. This evening capt Day put in for lodging and entertained  
the company singing songs, telling stories and making queer observation  
Among the rest performed (The) Paddy's Wedding. H. Waters could not  
have been better pleased in any way.

SATURDAY, OCT. 10 Fine - but there signs of rain.

Had business in town and in Algiers.

Had cheese press iron mended at Chandler's - left rags at Dr Swift's  
for which obtained cr. and by waiting patiently had 3 new wagg. stakes  
fixed in by E. Chase Jun and paid for the same in - g's of old brandy.  
C. was in trouble on account of being sued by J. & J. B. Norton.

Had horses shod at Harry Norton's, price charged, 78 cents.

Dined at J. Rog's - tried to have (Cha's) Ad'n Stone come home with me  
but her business was so that she could not.

Saw and conversed with Mr Peck awhile in his garden where with another  
man he was emp,oyed in harvesting onions - supposed he had raised enough  
to amount \$200 this season.

The first part of the paper is devoted to a general discussion of the problem of the origin of life. It is shown that the problem is one of the most important and interesting in the history of science. The second part of the paper is devoted to a detailed discussion of the problem of the origin of life. It is shown that the problem is one of the most important and interesting in the history of science. The third part of the paper is devoted to a detailed discussion of the problem of the origin of life. It is shown that the problem is one of the most important and interesting in the history of science. The fourth part of the paper is devoted to a detailed discussion of the problem of the origin of life. It is shown that the problem is one of the most important and interesting in the history of science. The fifth part of the paper is devoted to a detailed discussion of the problem of the origin of life. It is shown that the problem is one of the most important and interesting in the history of science. The sixth part of the paper is devoted to a detailed discussion of the problem of the origin of life. It is shown that the problem is one of the most important and interesting in the history of science. The seventh part of the paper is devoted to a detailed discussion of the problem of the origin of life. It is shown that the problem is one of the most important and interesting in the history of science. The eighth part of the paper is devoted to a detailed discussion of the problem of the origin of life. It is shown that the problem is one of the most important and interesting in the history of science. The ninth part of the paper is devoted to a detailed discussion of the problem of the origin of life. It is shown that the problem is one of the most important and interesting in the history of science. The tenth part of the paper is devoted to a detailed discussion of the problem of the origin of life. It is shown that the problem is one of the most important and interesting in the history of science.



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At Voluntine's rec'd a small bundle of rolls.

Saw Levi Jewett and conversed with him on school business - not ready to pay his rate.

Saw Mores respecting pay for casks. Elijah complained of the materials being very bad to work - much more tedious to put together on that account - expected to get his butter for 0/9 pr lb., was unwilling to allow more than 6 cts pr lb for cheese. I told him I had as lief pay money as butter provided I could have time to sell butter to get it - he said I might pay him when it would be most convenient for me - said I should square it at no distant day. At the Bank exchanged \$40. Bennington for other money. Borrowed of capt J. Hicks his large steelyards Took from Clark's Library with leave of friend Solomon - first Volume of Kendall's Travels. Called at Swift's and reached home by about dark. Boys husked corn - In the evening had a weighing frolic.

SUNDAY, OCT. 11 Vary rainy - unusually so. Weighed cheese casks.

Cous. George read American Biography - Sylvanus was off with H. Waters - Mr James Waterman who in Jan'y 1809 was married to my father's youngest sister, arrived from Brookfield, N.Y. with his lady. Had not been here himself in 20 years. They had ridden some distance in the rain and were very wet. Doctor H. Swift visited my father talked much of the character and scientific accomplishments of Isaac Doolittle - late Furnace Co., agent.

He was well acquainted with Napoleon and his grand projects.

MONDAY, OCT. 12 Fly'g clouds, cool - heavy w'd from N.W. Rained much during the night. Husking corn was the business. Toward evening waited upon our uncle and went to uncle S. Robinson's. Let to cous. N. L. Robinson twenty five dollars in money to be paid sixty days from date with interest - engaged him to carry a load of cheese for me on the 16th inst. On my way home called at the P. Office & at Swift's store where 1 lb tea was bo't on cr.

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 13 Very fair - most excellent weather.

We packed and weighed lbs 515½ cheese - weight of casks added made out Lbs 5647 - No of cheeses if I am correct, 120, and with the exception of 4 or 5 were smooth and handsome.

3 or 4 of those were made of milk that was partially changed, & a large one I was suspicious was not quite as sound as was necessary.

But these coming in regular rotation and the remainder being of so good quality, considered the whole to be a fair lot.

Should have had twenty casks had fortune smiled in May, independent of my 26th cow.

Had 4 large ones that would weigh, say 200 in all - unsound - must lose 1/8.

Mr N. R. Locke and lady and young child - son - arrived from Choconut, Pennsylvania.





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WEDNESDAY, OCT. 14 Fine and warm after a hard frost - if not hard, it was a frost. Boys gather apples.

Cous. N. L. Robinson and his boys or his father were engaged about his apples.

Rode into town accomp'd by our friend Locke.

Saw at the Printing Office - U. M. Robinson & H. Hall to whom introduced Mr L. - saw W. Haswell who knew him.

Cousin Ed Robinson presented (me with) me with two copies of the First Muster Roll in the Town of Bennington - perhaps in Vermont - See Journal for 1827.

Engaged to Darius Clark 4 bbls cider on acc't deliv'd at 75 cts.

P.M. being joined by our friend L. in a one horse wagg rode to the S. part of the town - visited some of my school delinquents - rec'd Mr Hunniston's in full - 43 cts - appeared dissatisfied with Miss Hurd's demand - called at Mr Cunning's - rec'd no money - At Mr Ayres' they, or rather Mr A., could find no money - marched over to G. House's - made a short visit - saw Mrs Ayres who promised to send the money very soon. Previous to this round we met our friend G. House with a load of apples going up Jewett's hill - here we stopped and talked a good while. After my call at G. H's made for widow Billings' - saw Mr Cummings, but the man could pay nothing.

At the wid's talked awhile with Mrs B's - said she was 85 - conversed with Mr House - looked at his hogs - left this for Pownal mountain - visited Mr Nathan Eldred and lady - the old gentleman appeared much broken with age and infirmities - so blind as not to see scarcely at all.

Next visited Mrs Buck, formerly Miss M. H. Campbell - was in usual health, but in cutting up new pumpkins had wounded herself pretty sorely in one of her thumbs - staid only a few moments - undertook to assist a young fellow in drawing a l'd of apples drawn by steers on a wagg but failed because my horse would not draw - So we shaped our course for home.

Saw young Jeremy Warren & engaged him in the name of N.L. Robinson to transport a l'd of cheese for me on Friday next to Troy.

Mr L. & I were very familiar and free coming down the mountain - talked over many incidents of former days.

In the evening much singing of a Religious kind took place & an exhortation given and prayer made by our friend.

I found time to make out a bill of the weight of my cheese including all particulars to Bennett & Brayton - Adeline marked many of them - the casks - sent 3 that were marked Green.





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THURSDAY, OCT. 15 Warm & remarkably fine - w'd S.

Much occupied in preparing for Troy.

Bo't timber of J. Ogden for a long wagg.reach - 25 cts on acc't - had the same fitted in by E. Waters for the like am't charged.

Mr Locke after spending most of the morning in singing spiritual songs & hymns took leave for his friend G. House's, calculated to leave town next morning and of course would call upon us once more - but as my business would take me from home, could not expect to see him again - therefore in the evening wrote a letter to my cousin Nathaniel Stone of Bainbridge, N.Y., to remind him of the money I lent him early in July last which he then promised to send me at the end of three weeks.

U. M. Robinson, lady & children - aunt Sarah & cousin Edwin visited us P.M.

In the evening cous. N. L. Robinson and his other man and team came on to receive their loading - took me some time to make an equal division, at last I brought it out thus - to H. Harwood 1899 - N.L.R. 1876 - & Warren 1872 lbs.

Had it all fairly loaded ready for a start in the morning.

Executed my cheese bill & memorandum in regular order.

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 16 Very fine and unusually warm.

In starting one of my horses refused to draw - but once under motion had no trouble of that kind.

We expected to Pass the New White House Bridge which had been planked but the teams were so numerous at the E. end bringing in stone and gravel that we had to ford the stream.

Made a very short call at Haynes' where they seemed to be greatly engaged in building a new saw mill.

We proceeded forward very smoothly.

Baited at Snyders' where we saw Septimus Walbridge with his bride and others in a fine waggon going down to Troy, and ultimately bound to N. Y. City.

Reached the City of T. past sunset - deposited cheese at Silliman's and Mann's - left my bill with the Cl'k.

Stabled my horses at Mr Lewis' - very good house - stand formerly occupied by Stearns.

Walked to the store of O. & A. Arnold and there paid up my note for \$32.51 including or more properly beside 41 cents interest accruing since the expiration of sixty days.

Visited cous. Samuel Robinson - saw there Messrs Timo & Ephraim Hervey, the latter gentleman had visited cousins, Heman, Hiram & Nathan Harwood at the West - all doing well.

Slept at cous. Sam's

I have been thinking of you very much lately, and wondering how you are getting on. I hope you are well and happy. I have been very busy lately, but I have managed to find some time to write to you. I have been thinking of you very much lately, and wondering how you are getting on. I hope you are well and happy. I have been very busy lately, but I have managed to find some time to write to you.

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SATURDAY, OCT. 17 Continued dry & pretty fair.

Was moving to & fro through the streets of Troy until past 12 at noon buying such articles as were thought necessary, a bill of which can be seen in my Acc't Book.

Among the rest purchased a road scraper - a bargain in which I considered myself handsomely scraped - paid \$8.00 for it.

However in buying a Molasses hhd at O. & A. Arnolds with 15 gallons molasses in it for \$5.50, might pass for a decent contract.

Bo't salt and other things there to the am't of \$11.44 - paid \$2. -and gave my note sixty days for the remainder.

Met with nothing worth mentioning on the road until arrived at Richmond where many people were assembled for what purpose I could not divine - they seemed to enjoy the firing of a piece of ordnance in a very lively manner.

At the height, or near it, of Potter Hill, overtook a man who broke down - I could not assist him - Halted a mom't at Haynes' - enquired for baggage belonging to Mr Waterman - none there - made another stop at Newell's - only a few moments - got home after the moon rose.

Must mention crossing the new Bridge.

In my absence Friday they compleated gathering fruit in the upper orch'd - Mr Waterman & Reuben Kent assisted.

On Saturday threshed out a quantity of rye and husked corn.

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 18 Signs of rain - cool - w'd S.

Notwithstanding my delinquency in the writing department - felt so gr't a disposition for reading that I would indulge it in the perusal of the 2d V. of Gibb's Dec. & F. of the Roman Empire period of the Reign of Volentinian and Valens in the latter part of 4th Cent'y.

Took a walk late P.M.

At the house we rec'd visits from cousins Henry, Edwin & Heman Robinson.

Sylvanus was off some where with H. Waters.

MONDAY, OCTOBER 19 High S. wind bro't us rain at night - fine day too for business - Boys assisted lightly by Hopkins, ground app's & expressed cider of which 1 hhd & two bbls was transported to J. & N. Norton's Distillery.

Paid out of Miss Hurd's money principally - having disposed of all or nearly that of my own, \$5. to John Harwood tow'd shoe making.

H. Waters settked acc'ts with C. Bowker in harmony -

The first part of the paper is devoted to a general discussion of the problem of the origin of life. It is shown that the problem is one of the most important and interesting in the history of science. The author discusses the various theories of the origin of life, and shows that the most plausible is the theory of spontaneous generation. This theory is based on the fact that life is everywhere, and that it is impossible to find a place where it does not exist. The author also discusses the question of the origin of the first living organisms, and shows that the most plausible theory is that they arose from non-living matter.

The second part of the paper is devoted to a discussion of the evolution of life. It is shown that the evolution of life is a process that has been going on since the first living organisms appeared. The author discusses the various theories of evolution, and shows that the most plausible is the theory of natural selection. This theory is based on the fact that organisms are constantly competing for survival, and that only the fittest survive. The author also discusses the question of the origin of the various species of organisms, and shows that the most plausible theory is that they arose from a common ancestor.

The third part of the paper is devoted to a discussion of the future of life. It is shown that the future of life is a problem that is still unsolved. The author discusses the various theories of the future of life, and shows that the most plausible is the theory of the continuation of life. This theory is based on the fact that life is everywhere, and that it is impossible to find a place where it does not exist. The author also discusses the question of the origin of the first living organisms, and shows that the most plausible theory is that they arose from non-living matter.

The fourth part of the paper is devoted to a discussion of the origin of the human race. It is shown that the origin of the human race is a problem that is still unsolved. The author discusses the various theories of the origin of the human race, and shows that the most plausible is the theory of the evolution of man. This theory is based on the fact that man is a part of the animal kingdom, and that he has evolved from a common ancestor with the other animals. The author also discusses the question of the origin of the first living organisms, and shows that the most plausible theory is that they arose from non-living matter.



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TUESDAY (FRIDAY)

Oct. 20th

Quite cold - cldy - high N.W. wind.

Mak'g cider & husking corn continued to be the chief employment - Mr Waterman assisting at the latter branch. Had business from home. Agreed to furnish Maj L. Norton with 12 bbls cider at 4/0 pr bbl in payment for a ware debt and for what I might call for over and above that.

Should not have contracted so low if I had not supposed the article were unusually plenty, for he told me he could buy as much as he pleased for 3/0 payable in ware.

Mr Norton paid his school rate - 74 cents -

Carried grist of rye to the Safford mill - spoke with ass't Harwood to make enquiry about a certain young cow which had been offered me for sale.

Went to M. Norton's 2nd & rec'd a new chain which weighed  $16\frac{1}{2}$  lbs - 9 ft long - at 20 cts pr lb - \$3.30.

In Town saw Sam'l Fay Esq who spoke of Gov Craft's Speech where it related to the subject of ardent spirits - thought his recommendation ill timed.

Spoke of hired labor being pretty low in price - had lately hired a man forty years of age, to work  $\frac{1}{2}$  a month for four dollars. Visited the Post Office & rec'd a letter from Mr W. E. Brayton, N. Adams, Ms., requesting me if I had not gone down with my cheese to put it off until the 25th & then to deliver it at Pattison & Hart's, because he should ship it by the ~~two-beats~~ two boats instead of by the sloops - also requested the number of casks of cheese I had put up, and likewise to inform the Harwood's, Mr Gale & c of his arrang't in Troy. Saw Luman Sherwood near the Academy, talked with him about taking our school, said he must have \$12 pr month - no bargain - Agreed with him to give the information required in Mr B's letter to the persons above mentioned & came home. Mr B's letter was dated the 15th.

WEDNESDAY (TUESDAY)

OCT. 21st

Cold frosty morning - very fair &amp; fine - same business continued. Visited the street &amp; obtained 5

empty bbls. Left a letter to Mr Brayton, in reply to his of the 15th, in which I wrote him that I had complied, as far as was in my power, with his wishes. Gave an account of what I had done with my dairy, that it contained 3 casks green which had been dried by stove. Sylvanus carried to J. Norton's Distillery, say 224 G's cider. Uncle Sam'l, aunt Sarah, Mr Waterman & lady & Mrs P. Waters formed our party here this P.M. By uncle Sam'l wrote a line to Mr McKee to call down to see me about taking our school.

THURSDAY, OCT. 22 Much like the 21st.

Business about the same.

Mr Waterman assisted at husking.

Engaged Mr McKee to teach the school in Dist. No. 2 - 5 months at \$11 pr month from Nov. 2d.

Sylvanus carried 2 bbls & hhd cid. to N's Distillery.

Uncle Sam & Boys gath'd apples.

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FRIDAY, OCT. 23 Warm, soft cldy weather - expected rain - w'd S.  
We were engaged in the field at husking corn - Mr Waterman assisting. Sylvanus & Geo. made cider - of which 2 l'ds if I mistake not were carried to the Distillery of J. & N. Norton by Sylvanus. Uncle Sam & son gathered apples. Mrs Susan Dewey paid our ladies a visit. This day entered my 42d year - This is going pretty fast towards the brink. Diadamia rode with aunt Lucy to Algiers - visited J. Rogers & rec'd money due her - went to see Miss Thompson.

SATURDAY, OCT. 24 Warm - some cloudy - heavy S. wind. Husking was continued assisted by Mr Waterman - Boys made cider. Sylvanus went to J. & J. Norton's Distillery - rec'd a ticket marked No. 2 specifying the receipt of 1433 gallons cider since Monday last - besides 1 hhd remaining 116 galls.  
Two Deerfield men - the one past his prime - the other under 35 - dined and paid for their meals - wanted to purchase live hogs - of the present years growth - offered only 3 cts pr lb - to be driven to Pownal to be weighed & delivered there - made no contract.  
A gentleman from Fairfield Co., Conn., called to let us know the vast improvement there had been made in the cider mill - came into the field & shewed me a paper containing a number of certif's setting forth the superior utility of the Grater Cider Mill - had a model in his waggon which I did not see - drove on to town.  
A man with a drove of calves &c requested to have them kept over night - refused him on account of scarcity of feed. On Thursday Miss Nancy Field after a lingering illness departed this life aged about 46 - eldest daughter of Mr Jesse F. - Funeral this day.

SUNDAY, OCT. 25 Warm - wind S. - very mild. Pretty busy writing for H. Waters - Walked with him to view late P.M. sashes at the school house - concluded those must do much longer.  
Wanted to see my friend Levi Jewett - marched down - the man was gone to Pownal - talked with Miss Eunice sometime - found her complaining of the frowns of fortune. Returned home and wrote more for H. Waters - added accounts for him - S. H. Brown visited us this evening - early part. Ed Robinson staid with us Saturday night - walked to meeting with cous. Geo. P. Mr Waterman & lady went to uncle Sam's - Our family were pretty generally at Church this day.

MONDAY, OCT. 26 Rainy in a moderate degree - thick clds - grew more fair toward evening.  
In the barn husking was carried on & late in the morning cous. Geo. & I commenced mak'g





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cider. Sylvanus complained of ill health, but was able to be about - assisted at husking moderately. Mr Waterman after his return from uncle Sam's amused himself in that business - he was with us in the evening at the barn. Cous. Geo. never laid up an app. cheese - previous to this day - succeeded well.

Promised capt. Heman Robinson the use of the cider mill on Friday next.

TUESDAY, OCT. 27 Fair and handsome - must be remembered that it was a cold frosty morning. Making & carrying away cider of which seven bbls were carried to Norton's and 6 more to Dewey's distillery - husking too was prosecuted - constituting the business of the day.

This P.M. an examination of the members of the Bennington Seminary took place, Damia attended, said they did well, evening had an Exhibition to which our boys went. This evening conveyed Mr Waterman & lady to J. Hicks' where uncle Sam rec'd & carried them to Troy to take Water for Utica. Paid over to J. Waterman \$3 who had been very busy in our employment while on his visit here - had the article been more plenty with us should have felt happy in giving him more. We enjoyed an excellent visit from our relatives, invited them to come as often as they could, they engaged so to do, and were very solicitous that we should do the same by them - fair and sincere promises were made - and so they departed in fine spirits. Bargained to Ric'd Carpenter two cheeses and to V. D. McEwen 150 lbs or thereabouts of the same article. Of Swift & Son bo't  $4\frac{1}{2}$  yds bleached cott. shirting at 20" -  $\frac{1}{2}$  yd being for S. W. Daniels, and for that young man got \$5. which was due from him to Mr Ashley the Tailor, who at this time was bed sick, by his consent (of Mr A.) - added to my account at Swift & Son's - it being so much towards the fifty dollars which I agreed to pay Daniels Dec. 1823.

WEDNESDAY, OCT. 28 Fine, mild & handsome. More cider made, husking carried on by father. Sylvanus visited Dewey's Distillery twice - first 1 hhd & 2 bbls - 2d 7 bbls - Sylvanus not very well - had a bad cold. Mrs Kellogg, eldest daughter of James Hubbell Esq., and amiable consort of Henry K. Esq departed this life very suddenly this morning in the year of her age. Mrs Kent paid her school rate - 46 cents.

THURSDAY, OCT. 29 Cloudy & mild. Sent to Dewey's Distillery 1 load cider - had oats threshed and wagg. fixed for going to Troy with a load iron for cous. N. L. Robinson in payment for transportation of cheese - Sylvanus drove to the Furnace - & rec'd his iron, returned after dark - supposed he had taken on  $\frac{3}{4}$  ton gross. Ten bbls carrots which were produced on a small spot in the garden, dug by Mr Ayres, were carried in. Sam H. Brown made a sort of offer for our pork - \$5. at 90 days or six months which did not square with my mind at all.

THE HISTORY OF THE UNITED STATES

The first part of the history of the United States is the history of the colonies. The colonies were founded by Englishmen who had come to America in search of a better life. They were at first dependent on England for everything they needed, but as they grew in number and power, they began to assert their independence.

The second part of the history of the United States is the history of the Revolution. The colonies had grown so strong that they no longer wanted to be ruled by England. They fought a war of independence, and in 1776 they declared their independence from England.

The third part of the history of the United States is the history of the Constitution. After the Revolution, the colonies needed a new form of government. They wrote a new constitution, which was adopted in 1787. This constitution has been the basis of our government ever since.

The fourth part of the history of the United States is the history of the Union. The new government was at first weak, but it grew stronger as more states joined the Union. By 1790, there were thirteen states in the Union. The government has since grown to include fifty states, and it has become one of the most powerful nations in the world.

The fifth part of the history of the United States is the history of the Civil War. In 1861, the Southern states seceded from the Union, and a war broke out between the North and the South. The war lasted for four years, and it ended in 1865 with the victory of the North. The Civil War was one of the most important events in our history.

The sixth part of the history of the United States is the history of the Reconstruction. After the Civil War, the Southern states were brought back into the Union, but they were not allowed to keep the same laws they had before. The government tried to help the freed slaves, but the Southern states resisted. This led to a period of Reconstruction, which lasted from 1865 to 1877.



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Cous. Tho's Robinson came to stay here this night to be ready for gathering apples in the morning.

FRIDAY, OCT. 30 Cloudy all day and mild. Arose early and assisted in getting Sylvanus off to Troy. We very diligently labored the most of the day in sledding off the unhusked corn from the field - setting it up under the slab-shed in the barnyard - filling the barn stable and north horse stable so as to secure it from the rains - there were from 90 to 100, very heavy in most instances, of those stocks gathered the 2nd cart load of pumpkins which comprehended nearly half of all raised the present season - had them fed to the cows, mornings. Our meadow in which the cows were now kept was so destitute of fresh grass that they yielded but little milk. Gen Robinson's men made cider at our establishment. B. Ayres and a Frenchman managed the concern assisted by Herman's boys. Cous. H. Rob. pursued his business very steadily. Sent pr G. Harwood 32 gal's cid. to L. Norton & 980 to the Distillery.

SATURDAY, OCT. 31 Stormed from the E. rain mixed with hail - sometimes the wind blew with great fury - rain increased toward the end of the day.

Finished clearing the cornfield excepting the article of beans and the scattering ears of corn on the ground - Cous. George cheerfully submitted to the inconvenience of working in the rain, in order that our stuff might be secured - of which there were 5 l'ds composing a long stack W. end of the barn.

Friend Levi Jewett came to see me about fixing the school house - asked him how he made out for money - said he could not sell his cheese - the article in Troy would bring only \$4 pr cwt - put him in mind of Miss Hurd's money which he said should be paid if he had to sell one of his cows to raise it. Sylvanus arrived in good season from Troy - succeeded very handsomely - bo't an umbrella for \$1. bro't 2 casks logwood & 2 do nails for Swift & Son besides a new hat for Ed'd which cost \$8., thought some charge ought to be made for going down town in the morning to get it.

Hiram Waters came from the furnace in the evening - wrote some for him. Cous. N. L. Robinson made a settlem't with me this evening - gave him a due bill for 3 gall's & 1 qt brandy and owed him toward transportation of cheese nearly 4 dollars or the drawing of 1964 lbs to Troy - Sylvanus having in iron & 1 bbl flour bro't to H. Hall from Troy reduced his demand to that sum.

Miss Nancy Watson was on a visit here - eight years since her last visit was interesting & sociable.

H. Waters put up here this evening - all black from the Furnace - wrote for him a few lines.





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SUNDAY, NOV. 1

Our E. storm not yet quite over, cloudy & chilly early in the day - P.M. much more pleas't.

Was early & active with the pen, brought up my Jour'l to the 31st Oct. Sylvanus gallanted to meeting Miss Watson & Diadamia - visited uncle Sam's and procured some skunk's cabbage root for his cough - returned with H. Waters in his wagg. I dined with the latter, then taking glass, putty, nails & clapboards drove to the wchool house where the sashes were taken out & all vancancies filled, tinned & puttied in by H.W., amounting to 21 panes - went through our repairs before sunset. Friends L. Jewett & E. Fay came there before we finished the business. Mr J. promised to fix door steps, see that the roof was patched if it should need, prepare wood &c. &c. Jonas F. Billing rode past and cracked a joke to Levi which I did not then understand.

Rather a day of confusion here. In the evening H. Waters wore his best suit - had on a very superb ruffle shirt. Saw small flock wild geese flying S. this morning. Fed out pumpkins to the cows - had but few.

NOVEMBER 2d E. storm roosted on the G. Mountains, rained slightly here and remained cloudy & mild through the day.

Cider making engrossed the chief attention.

Sylvanus not able to perform a full day's labor - cous. Geo. built the cheese. Mr Judd gathered apples for uncle Samuel. Cous. Heman for his brother Nat. L. rec'd 1 Gal. brandy at night.

Late in the morning Mr McKee, bro't by his younger brother 14 yrs of age, arrived from Arlington & commenced teaching school in Dist. No. 2 as agreed upon 22d ult.

Gen. Robinson's people wound off making their cider this morning - broke two  $2\frac{1}{4}$  planks for us.

First learned this evening that our good friend L. Jewett was married on Sunday, Oct. 25th to Miss Shepherdson of Pownal, dairy maid to Mr Pliny Wright - uncommonly muscular and large built - See Oct 24 1828 - & Sept 26 1829 - for mention of s'd lady.

We were getting low for pork - a handsome sheep was butchered - weighing 56 lbs, producing 8 lbs rough tallow - So much for being out of pork.

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 3 Mild, homely & unpleas't - quite rainy P.M. & eve'g

Cider making contin'd - ran several bbls into the cellar by spout - Sylvanus assisted - was however much affected by his cold - rode to Mr Hollister's and procured materials for making Beggar lice tea - had a quantity made & took it plentifully in the eve'g. Cous. George managed chiefly at the press.

Father gleaned the cornfield.

I got time to bring in his corn besides carting rails for fencing the stack mentioned on Saturday.

Mrs R. Smith sent me her school rate very honorably - \$1.20 - if I recollect rightly.





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WEDNESDAY, NOV. 4 True Nov'r weather, rough from N.W. some few showers of rain - not only so but a few flakes of snow or hail, as you please, made the mountain's head look white - Didn't however freeze. We made cider - borrowed 40 bbls of cous. N. L. R's apples. Sylvanus conveyed to N's Distillery 126 gals cider. The cows were pastured in the N. meadow but they broke into C's orch'd and therefore lost their birth in the after part of the day by being turned into another enclosure.

Mr McKee attended Debating Society this evening.

Cous. N. L. Rob. came up & rec'd apples & some cider which he borrowed of us - 2 bbls.

Left cous. Heman with us in order to undertake gath'g apples next day.

THURSDAY, NOV. 5 Blue cloudy and chilly, not freez'g.

Cider concerns and getting apples the chief occupation. Cleared C's orchard - cous. Heman worked for his brother - Sylvanus carried to N's Distillery 255 gals cider.

Carried to D. Robinson Jun 64 lbs butter & rec'd in full for it \$10.67 cts - very well satisfied & engaged his butter for the next season - produced more documents respecting our unhappy priest.

To Rich'd Carpenter conveyed 32 lbs cheese at  $0/4\frac{1}{2}$  - and to V.D. McEowen 107 lbs at the same rate - to be paid ere long.

Mrs Harwood rode up with me and sold rags at Dr Swift's store - traded out more than the amount - returned home on foot.

Staid a few moments at the printing office - returned home & passed the evening by a good fire reading the paper and drily playing the flute.

FRIDAY, NOV'R 6 Cold, not at all pleas't early part of the day - very cloudy & homely - became more mild in the evening. Gathering fruit below the dairy house employed us until past noon, remainder of the day was improved in husking corn at the heap in the S. barn yard.

Young Heman Robinson and Charles Haswell P.M. gr'd app's.

Mr McKee continued boarding with us, school thin, not over 10 in a day.

SATURDAY, NOV'R 7 Slightly rained in the morning - continued spitting more or less until past 4 P.M. when it came on more in earnest - wind strong in the E.- rained and snowed powerfully in the evening and all night.

A quantity of corn was husked out.

Cous. Geo. Harwood had faithfully continued in our service one month & 4 days at \$10. per month - making an acc't against us of \$11.54" - of which he had rec'd of Swift & Son's \$1.23" in goods.

Cous. N. L. Robinson made cider here.

Departed this





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life on Thursday last after a lingering illness of many years, Mr John Richmond of E. village in the        year of his age - Emigrated about the year 1804 or 5 from the State of Rhode Island and carried on the cabinet business in partnership with his friend Drake.

The latter gentleman until within a year or two resided in the neighborhood of S. Hinsdill's Works, N.W. part of Bennington, now a citizen of Nassau, N.Y.

Felt anxious to ascertain the price of pork - took in Adeline & Hopkins travelled S. to find wheat & see friend L. Jewett - get pay or his note on Miss Hurd's demand - meeting a man this side his house and being informed of his being in Algiers - wheeled about, taking the road to that Village - Called at Mr Fenton's to buy wheat - had none threshed out - rode forward - left the former of my children at J. Rog's - deposited a small grist at the mill which was out of order - next visited James Harwood in his shoe maker's department. Hopkins had his foot measured for a pair of boots - to be made, stock found, for 75 cents - pair of shoes for Lydia at 3/6, work to be executed at short notice and to command cash as soon as I could get it. My son walked back to the village and from thence home with Adeline.

I held on my course to the Furnace, having B. Witherell for passenger, who spoke of the amazing pressure of the times - had seen the effects of it in Pittsford, Brandon &c where men who were considered independent in their circumstances only a short time since were now bankrupts. At the Furnace staid 2 hours, viewing works which it must take an enormous capital to keep in operation.

Saw Ed. Savage Jr engaged in the Forge working at the gr't block of the thundering anvil, or rather fixing the foundation of it. Sam Godfrey was assisting.

Saw H. Waters working in Brad Godfrey's shop who told me that he had made some enquiry respecting pork, the price of which in Troy was said to be for that which would weigh three hund'd \$4 $\frac{1}{2}$  - sad news to me - would have contracted at \$5. but this made me think of holding on a little longer.

Saw young Wickwire who said his folks would barrel their pork ere they would sell so low.

Mr Stiles the Co's Agent was absent in Shaftsbury where some of their machinery at an ore bed had given way - B. Godfrey was with him to do the work.

Saw R. Walbridge there who was talking of carrying 5 tons pigs to Troy on the Great trucks - drawn by 3 yoke fine oxen.

Departed and came to Algiers and at J. & J. B. Norton's wrote a short letter to Miss Ruth Hurd acquainting her with my progress in collecting her money, the names of delinquents &c. and enclosing the sum of \$11.92 all that remained in my hands - the money was counted in

The first thing I noticed when I stepped out of the car was the cold. It was a sharp contrast to the warm blanket of the car's interior. I shivered slightly, pulling my coat tighter around me. The air was crisp and clear, a welcome change from the smoggy city air. I took a deep breath, savoring the fresh scent of the morning. The sun was just beginning to rise, casting a soft, golden glow over the landscape. The trees were bare, their branches reaching out like skeletal fingers against the pale sky. A gentle breeze rustled the leaves of the few evergreens that remained. In the distance, the faint outlines of mountains could be seen, their peaks shrouded in a light mist. The overall atmosphere was one of quiet solitude and natural beauty. I felt a sense of peace and tranquility, a momentary escape from the hustle and bustle of daily life. I walked slowly, my footsteps crunching on the frost-covered ground. The silence was broken only by the occasional chirp of a bird or the distant hum of a car. It was a peaceful start to a new day, a day filled with endless possibilities.

As I continued my walk, I noticed a small stream flowing through the woods. The water was clear and cold, reflecting the surrounding trees and sky. I stopped for a moment, leaning over the edge and dipping my hand into the water. The coolness of the stream was refreshing. I watched the ripples spread across the surface, breaking the reflection. The sound of the water flowing was soothing, a natural melody that seemed to fill the air. I stood there for a while, lost in thought. The beauty of the world around me was overwhelming. I felt a deep connection to nature, a sense of belonging. It was in these quiet moments that I found my true self, away from the distractions of the modern world. The stream flowed on, its path leading me deeper into the woods. I followed it, my heart full of hope and wonder. The journey was just beginning, and I knew that every step I took was leading me towards something great.

The sun had risen higher now, its rays filtering through the trees and creating a dappled pattern on the ground. The light was warm and inviting,驱散ing the remaining chill. I felt a renewed sense of energy and purpose. The world was beautiful, and I was grateful to be here. I took another deep breath, feeling the air fill my lungs. The scent of pine and earth was intoxicating. I walked on, my pace steady and confident. The path ahead was clear, and I knew that I was exactly where I needed to be. The journey was not just a physical one, but a spiritual one as well. It was a quest for meaning and purpose, a search for the truth that lay hidden within the heart of nature. I felt a sense of destiny, a knowing that this was my chance to make a difference. The world was my canvas, and I was the artist. I would create something beautiful, something that would inspire and uplift. I would leave a legacy, a mark on the world that would endure for generations to come. The journey was long, but I was ready. I was strong. I was brave. I was free. I was me. And that was enough.



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the presence of J. B. Norton and others - letter sealed and forwarded by Allen Brown of Pownal who engaged to deliver it at Mr Hurd's - In it mentioned Mrs James & Mr A. Sibley whom I had not seen - requesting her as they were in that neighborhood to call on them in person.

Staid awhile to hear my friend J. Norton relate some incidents which occurred during his stay at Montpelier.

Came up to Chandler's and had 1 h. shoe set - visited the store of Swift & Son - the Dr said he could have obtained for my cheese  $7\frac{1}{2}$  dollars pr hund. in Boston if I had not sold as I had - told him my dairy was not so fine as I thought it should be to warrant me in sending it there.

They informed me that the cheese delivered them Sept. 1 was credited me at six cents pr lb.

Returned by about dark to the old habitation where we united in deploring the unpropitiousness of the times -

Assisted at husking at the barn in the eve'g.

Cous. Geo. complained of bad cold - didn't go out. Sylvanus was out.

P.M. visited the Distillery of the Norton's and returned with a cider hhd which they had lately emptied, usually gaging 114 gal's but Sibley disputing it - Sylvanus made him measure it and they ascertained its contents to be  $116\frac{1}{2}$  and credit obtained for the same excepting the half gall.

Obtained a 2d ticket of Sibley giving credit for 428 gallons cider - dated this day, marked No. 45, which however we considered very incorrect.

Our friend Hiram Waters, rain or no rain, came here this evening and amused the company very agreeably in giving an account of their manner of baking wood into coals at the Furnace and how they had purchased 12 doz. axes of a most superior kind manufactured at Hartford, Conn., &c Performed writing & adding acc'ts for him.

SUNDAY, NOV. 8      Rough and uncomfortable, high w'd N.W.

Busy most of the day writing - could not read much.

Executed some writing for H. Waters.

Cous. N. Robinson attended to his cider concerns - did not get great assistance from us.

Mrs Taft, late Mrs Billings Pratt, daughter of Sam'l Safford died on Saturday, the 7th aged about 29 - Likewise this morning, if I am correct, Miss Caroline, daughter of Joel Rice, aged 17.

Both funerals were attended on Monday P.M.

MONDAY, NOV. 9      Cold & frozen in the morning.

Heads of mountains white with snow, strong N.W.

wind, chilly &c.

The first part of the paper is devoted to a general discussion of the problem of the origin of life. It is shown that the problem is one of the most important and interesting in the history of science. The author discusses the various theories of the origin of life, and shows that the most probable one is the theory of spontaneous generation. He then discusses the evidence in favor of this theory, and shows that it is supported by the facts of the case. The second part of the paper is devoted to a discussion of the problem of the evolution of life. It is shown that the problem is one of the most important and interesting in the history of science. The author discusses the various theories of the evolution of life, and shows that the most probable one is the theory of natural selection. He then discusses the evidence in favor of this theory, and shows that it is supported by the facts of the case.

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some muddy in the roads through the day.

Went abroad with a determination to buy some wheat and to inquire the price and prospect of selling pork.

Of the former found none, and as to the latter the news was very discouraging - \$4.50 pr cwt the highest they would pay in Troy or Lansingburgh - Dull indeed -

The route I performed was by way of Sage's City, McWaine's Mill, to David Cross' where I found the man engaged with a hand holding one of the patent road scrapers - price \$8. - the same as I gave for mine, but apparently much superior in usefulness.

This gent had no wheat threshed out and but little to spare at any rate. Informed of having been to Troy & Lansingburgh &c

Previous to visiting Mr C. spent a few moments at the mill with our cousin Stone, also did some business with Mr Cooley who had colored some old loose coats for the girls which when finished would forward to Swift & Sons with his bill which I was to pay there.

Saw the character, described at N's Distillery, Dec 4 1827 at the Factory of Mr C.

On my return rec'd a budget of rolls for Mr W. Haswell - came on toward home to the road turning W. this side Esq Henry's where turned off thinking to visit the Sherwood's in order to consult on the state of the pork market & how it was most prudent to act &c. But meeting two of his teams with saw logs for Walbridge's Mill with one of which his son Loren was employed, learned that capt. Lem, his father, was absent at the White House Bridge which they were now going to cover with a roof - wheeled about, not having gone quite to Mr Gale's - came up the road past Mr D. Breckenridge's - met people returning from attending the funeral service performed at the house of Mr J. Rice - advancing farther and having a wish to come by our uncle Sam'l's overtook the procession in rear of which was compelled to linger in mournful silence until after crossing the mill bridge where they turned off to the left. I called at Mr R's - saw no uncle nor cousin other than Miss Emily who had attended fun'l on horseb'k & Heman.

Aunt S. invited me in but I declined, and without making any halt worth naming, reached home before dark.

Sylvanus assisted by cous. N. L. R. had got Mr Hunter's goods on the waggon ready to start for Lansingburg on the morrow.

Mr W. Haswell this evening paid us a visit - assisting Sylvanus in regulating his load - he being the man engaged by Mr Hunter to get a team to transport s'd goods to the place of destination - we took the business of cous. N.





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Mr Haswell bargained for six of our fat hogs at \$4.75" pr cwt - half to be paid at 90 days - the remainder at six months with interest - gives me a chance to sell two out of the six if I can get five dollars for them - reserving to himself his choice in the parcel.

Staid until nearly 10 o'clock talking of P.Office business, Church affairs - priest C., and various other subjects.

The above bargain although it was considerably short of what we actually ought to have had made me easy on that point.

S.W.Daniels conveyed to D.Clark's 5 bbls cider for which I had agreed to charge 75" pr bbl.

S.W. complained of drudgery in getting s'd cider into the cellar.

TUESDAY, NOV. 10 Hoarse S.E. or N.E. wind - thick cl'ds - rained moderately along in the P.M. - towards night & in the eve'g rained most powerfully, fist from S. and then from N.W. - made up a pretty rough storm.

Our team very early was set forward for Lansingburgh.

Husking corn - having a sheep butchered by our cous. or uncle Sam'l & some other concerns employed, made employment for the day.

Cous. N. L. Robinson, assisted by Mr Judd, and young Charles F. Sears ground and laid up his last apple cheese - their job was a most unpleas't one - uncle Sam. & the boy went home - cous N.L. & Mr Judd being cold & wet tarried all night.

On Monday evening settled accounts with Geo Harwood whose work amounted to \$11.54 as mentioned on Saturday - had socks, goods at Swift's and shirts made by women, reducing his demand to \$8.08 for which he took my obligation on demand.

Commenced working in the service of Iron or Furnace Co., E. side Benn'n.

WEDNESDAY, NOV. 11 Roaring cold from N.W., snow flying in the bargain - mud froze up still & the travelling bad.

Assisted uncle Sam. & cous. N.L. about cider - 2 bbls were delivered E. Waters, 2 to N. Dexter on H. Waters' acc't and 1 to Col.Norton - two former at 75 cents - latter 87½ in blacksmith'g.

Father attended to husking.

In the evening which was lighted by moon, Sylvanus arrived from Troy having delivered his load in good order & in every respect made a good trip. Bro't in from Troy 3 bbls flour and four half bbls do for Patchin & others at \$5.75", causing our Bennington folks to look wild on acc't of price.

Made up a sort of settlement with cous. N. L. from which it appeared we were in advance of him in the teaming concern 548 lbs and as to cider he had made about 36 bbls.





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which added to 116 made by ourselves would give a total of 152.  
I called on Capt. P. Dewey this P.M. and had returns of upwards 23 bbls carried to the distillery.

A regular statement of cider shall be made ere long.

This morning Mr Plumb called to see me respecting the money I hired of him in March last - said he should want it by the time the note became due, which I engaged to meet if possible.

Samuel H. Brown commenced the removal of household goods from his farm house to the old Dr Lyman or wid. Pickett dwelling to which he was about to transfer his residence.

THURSDAY, NOV'R 12 Continued pretty cold but was more fair than on the 11th. Husking was about wound off - a quantity of corn in the ear on the barn floor sorted - many notions looked to - cold at night - freezing.

FRIDAY, NOV'R 13 Wintry and chilly, grew fair towards the close of the day. Cousin Nathan made an end of his cider business apparently satisfied with his profits if any there were, and we could say entirely so on our part. The usual price of cider at cash was 75 ". Considered our major as having been rather too hard for me in allowing only 4/0 as stated Oct. 20. Made a beginning of carting manure into the N. meadow -  $9\frac{1}{2}$  bbls corn was sent to mill by S.W. Daniels - a quantity of b'kwheat was also forwarded - Cows almost dry - slow making butter - could get but ab't 4 or 5 pails of milk in day from 24 h'd. My head was filled with contriving how to accomplish money engagements coming up against us. S.W. Southworth paid us a short evening visit. Wm Daniel got a new pair of boots at J. Harw'ds

SATURDAY, NOV'R 14 Stormy tedious morning, chilling w'd., gr'd thinly cov'd with snow - became much warmer towards eve'g  
A quantity of corn was transported from the barn to the wagg. shed lofts - horse barn floor taken up and manure under it carted off and some other concerns occupied our attention.

Sold to cous. S. Robinson of Troy who came here late in the day 1 of our fat hogs and a large cheese - the last not first quality - to be paid for according to success in selling and the waste there might be in it. Emerson & L. Gleason made a short call early in the evening - could not buy the cows for want of money unless I would sell and wait until Aug. 1830 for pay, to which I could hardly agree.

Ladies had made their app. sauce.

Harr't Brooks had a silk dress made by Diadamia.

Mr McKee did not keep school but attended to Academical preparation for examination & exhibition on Tuesday next.

Cous. George arrived from the Furnace in good spirits.

Hiram Waters spent the evening here as usual - was afraid of a mistake in regard to his business with James Ballard.

On the eve'g of the 11th sold to Mr J.C. Andrews a fat hog at \$5 pr cwt to be paid on the 1st of Feb'y.

Cousin Sam'l paid \$5 in advance tow'd pork, remainder to O. & A. Arnold by first Jan. 1830





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On Thursday late P.M. as I was busy gathering beans in the garden a stranger came to me and inquired if I was the man who owned the farm - answered that I was not - however found no difficulty in introducing myself to him - his business was to see if I had the care of the Parson's house, whether I had authority to let in a family there - told him I had nothing to do with it - wanted to know if I had any objection against his moving his family in? Answered, that as I had no control over it, my objection would weigh nothing anyway. Said he was some acquainted with T.C. Parsons, presumed, as his wife was ill at Hicks' and himself much embarrassed in his affairs &c &c that he would suffer him to be there only a month or so. I concluded the man would come in at all events - said what I could to discourage him - all to no purpose. Mr Seaton, as I was informed, took possession of the west room of the house this evening.

SUNDAY, NOV'R 15 Tolerably fair, but chilly. So busy in my usual way that but little time was spared to read.

Wrote H. Waters Proposals for building a house for J.B. Norton, Algiers, for the sum of \$385.00

Sylvanus went to his father's on foot - his brother Andrus came in the morning to see him after he was gone - staid a mom't & followed on.

Mr McKee spent the Sabbath with us.

Father & Diadamia went to church and heard a severe discourse from the Rev'd Dan'l A. on Sabbath-breaking, bringing up families as they should be &c &c.

MONDAY, NOV'R 16 Cloudy, thawy, chilly - wind became high at night from S.E.

The horse stable floor was laid new & other concerns were attended to. I rode in 1 h. wagg. to L. Jewett's - took his note to Moses Hurd Jun for his own & Mr Cummings school rates - \$3.97 - after staying awhile by a good fire - drove on to Horace Dimick's - engaged him to assist at butchering on Wednesday next.

Saw Mr Sam. Lawrence's son Nelson there - took him into my wagg. and conveyed him to his father's - kept on to Mr Hurd's & there left the aforesaid note & School Bill - paid a fraction due on my own rate - talked about Mrs James who had lately quitted residing here & was now living in Lansingburgh or Albany or some such place, had left children and furniture here - was expected to return & from the goodness of her character would pay - but if she should not I engaged to pay it out of my own pocket - the sum being only 60 cts.

This side Mr H's met the man & talked with him a mom't on a subject which it is un





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necessary to mention. Drove down to Algiers - turned to the right for the Furnace - met cous. Geo. Harwood, who telling me that the prospect of selling cider was dull - hauled round - visited & bro't away meal & b'kwheat flour from the mill. Bo't on cr. of J. & J.B. Norton a shaker whip-lash, 29 cts, paper pins 13 cts, J.B. said he would accept of me for paymaster for whatever I would assume on acc't of Henry Norton. Bo't said whip in consequence of Jewett's hungry cattle eating off a part of my old one - while stuffing themselves with hay during the time I was there.

Called to see if my boots were mended by Clark - B.Squires' boss shoemaker - not done - can have them tomorrow.

J. Rogers & H. Norton said they would have 1 bbl cider a piece which I promised them.

There seemed to be some inquiry for oats, corn & potatoes - prices pretty fair.

Mr Corbieres' store goods were most of them removed up to the Furnace Store this day.

Informed H. Norton that our cows had dried up so much that I should not be able to make out the butter, 15 lbs, promised him - must pay some other way - said he did not know what he should do for butter, but found no fault - made but little ado.

TUESDAY, NOV. 17 High wind during the past night from S.E., rainy in the morning.

A frame lately reared by A. Hathaway calculated for a dwelling house two stories high, without braces, the owner designing to spike on planks, was blown down and a great part of the timber spoiled.

Conveyed to J. Rogers & to H. Norton their cider as promised above - the former at \$1. in shoemaking - the latter at 75 cts - same as cash on acc't. By settlem't with Norton was bro't in debt \$7.21 to balance which gave an order on Norton's store to the same am't, considered however, that Peck & Norton did not owe us more than from 3 to 4 dollars. Whole am't of blacksmith'g at N's \$9.22 of which horseshoeing composed \$5. Visited J. Harwood's - saw Lyman Lawrence there - Rec'd at the mill the remainder of a 9½ lb grist corn and some buckwh't.

Called at B.Squires' shop for boots - not mended - might have them in 1 hour - would not wait - withdrew my thin boots.

Rec'd Jas Hubbell Esq as passenger to the meeting house - said he felt much cut down in his feelings on acc't of the death of his daughter Mrs Kellogg - talked much of the ingratitude & base behaviour of the common herd of mankind - thought he expressed himself very properly on all the subjects started during the ride.

At the Distillery of P. & S. Dewey rec'd in high wines 40 G's cid. brandy towards 23 bbls & 9 gallons cider - arrived at home time enough to empty s'd cask, & prepare to attend the Prize Exhibition of Mr Lusk's Academic School to be opened at the court house at early candle lighting. About dusk, thro' thick & thin, Sylvanus, myself, Lydia & Sally rode to the place of entertain't & there entered a house which shortly after the bell rang was crowded to over-flowing





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The public speaking performed this evening was rarely out done by the same number of speakers perhaps of any institution, if I might be allowed to give an opinion. The productions of the young ladies which were read in handsome style by Mr L. would not disgrace the pen of many a writer of the other sex who are unwilling to give them credit for half their due. In fact this was a scene that very far transcends my weak powers of description and therefore I need only say that the audience was highly entertained and that nothing on the part of Mr L. or his pupils occurred to mar the pleasures of the eve'g.

The Exhibition was opened by prayer offered up by Elder Keach, Hoosick, N.Y. Music by Mr Andrews accomp'd with violin, by bass viol. See schedule for names and other particulars.

Two of Mr McKee's brothers, Rob't & Gardner came down with him & put up with us.

H. Waters paid for me towards lumber bill, to Jed Dewey, \$40. this day, and informed me of the same this eve'g, had to borrow most of the sum from his friends to do it. I engaged to see that it was repaid in short order.

WEDNESDAY, NOV'R 17 Very foggy & some rainy early part of the day - 1 P.M. fog cleared away, remained cloudy till night, thawy & muddy, w'd S. Eight fine hogs, perhaps the most choice lot ever raised on this farm, were this day handsomely butchered and dressed by Sam'l Robinson, Mr Farwell, H. Dimmick & S.W. Daniels - finished off in good season. Mr & Mrs Ayres were employed in their way on this bloody occasion. In order to get ride of Mr Haswell's tax for drainage left the hogs hanging all night.

THURSDAY, NOV'R 18 Chilly, blue & freezing, cl'dy - W'd N.W. Pat 9 this morning Sam'l Robinson & Wm Haswell Esq'rs arrived with the scales of B. & Fay and commenced weighing pork - the first carcass came up to only 275 lbs set to B. Harwood & Son - the next 435 lbs, put to W. Haswell - had some trouble in finding the true weight on account of the small poize by mistake being left at the store but which was got along with by computation in a manner satisfactory to both parties - lbs 382 to S. Rob'n Jun - lbs 321 N. Dexter or to H. Waters acc't \$5 pr cwt - 364, 370, & 316 to Haswell at \$4.75 and 270 to Mr Andrews at \$5.00 - total lbs 2733 of which Mr H's amounted to lbs 1485 which at \$4.75 came to \$70.53 from which a little galling deduction on account of being gnawed by the dog was requested & granted to this good man amounting to 20 cents. See Nov 21 and 28 - 1828.

The article was so fine and price so low that





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I felt extremely unwilling to be met in such taxing style - but so we go. After weighing, and indeed during the operation, uncle Sam'l improved a part of the time in cutting up pork for us. Mr H. gave his obligations for pork thus, \$35.06 three months after date and \$35.00 six months from date, both with interest. Had Haswell's & Robinson's on board of waggon. Maj Dexter's & Mr Andrews' - on cart - S. Watson driver of the latter in order to go back home with them - halted at Mr A's & left his in so doing lost a leathern mitten - Mr Dexter's was delivered in handsome style - At Mr H's we were hindered by their lack of readiness - Ira Hawks bro't the man a load of cider - Gen'l Weeks & Wm Gould were a part of the time present.

Business being nearly through here - departed - came to Swift & Son's store - got Ed. H. to draw a note to the Benn. Bank due at the expiration of three months - signed by me and endorsed by the drawer - for \$50., which on presentation at the Bank was promptly discounted by Mr Cashier. With this money went directly to H. Waters' shop and paid \$40 to apply on Dewey's demand.

Capt Henry Robinson and Mr Brooks were present and talked about such people as skin flints, one way of doing which is by beating down from a fair and reasonable price set upon horses, oxen or other kinds of property.

Returned from town after dark - found am't due from pork to be \$100.66 of which \$60.66 would become due within three months. My note to the Bank by mistake was dated on the 18th - Mr H. correctly dated his 19th. Late in the evening we were agreeably surprised at seeing our cous. Noble Clark - came by stage from Williamstown - Left family indifferently well in the town of Niagara, 9 miles from the Gr't Falls where he lately saw Sam'l Patch ~~in~~ jump from ~~the~~ a ladder into the river - the top of which was 125 feet above the surface of the water - Related particulars of the Morgan business and was very sociable and entertaining on other subjects - Buried a son aged about 23, about one year since. Said he understood that S. Patch had killed himself jumping into Gen. River at Rochester from the enormous height of 136 feet. This cous. said he was in his 55th year.

FRIDAY, (T) Nov. 20 Cold & freezing - tolerably pleas't - w'd W. or NW

Spent a considerable part of the day with Mr Clark who waited in town for the Brattleboro Stage which did not arrive until past 3 P.M. - Visited the P.O. - some conversation was held with Col. Merrill about Masonry, Politicks &c.

Returned to Hicks' where capt. Hicks was tuning Pussy Card who appeared to be in a degree under the operation of strong drink, on the subject of intemperance - did not appear to gain much ground I thought.

Visited & made Mr C. acquainted with H. & E. Waters and the family of the latter where we dined - after dinner looked at paintings.

On returning up-street fell in company with Mr Loan Dewey to whom introduced





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Mr C. who advanced a few rods down the meeting house hill to see if he could discover the farm that was formerly occupied by Mr D. Biddlecomb deceased - at present under the control of his widow, but ultimately to descend to his heirs by a former marriage. One of his neighbors had swapped away some landed property in Niagara for the Biddlecomb Estate in expectancy.

Mr C. represented his brother David of Norway, Herkimer Co., N.Y. as doing well - From 27 cows had made not far from 10,000 w't cheese - sold over 8000 at \$7 pr hund. by which considered he had made a clear gain of \$500 the present year. I promised myself the pleasure of writing him on the subject of dairying.

After hearing my cousin condemn the system of Missions in this country, saying the Savages themselves were disgusted with the conduct of the Missionairies and likewise his jealousy of the ultimate object of our clergy in the establishment of Sunday Schools - we took final leave of each other - say E. of the meeting house, 3 P.M.

Went to Savage & Abell's mill and bro't thence a pair of shoes for Lyd. Harw'd made by James Harwood, price 62".

Got home in season to assist some in shovelling manure of which they carted out 7 loads, besides doing other work.

SATURDAY, NOV. 21 Unpleas't - cloudy & chilly w'd W.

About noon with wife and cous. Adeline Stone started for Hoosick, N.Y. Bo't & paid for 1/2 lb saleratus at Swift & Sons 10 cts. Called at Jo Percy's to see Mr Plumb who agreed to wait upon me until the first week in Jan for \$100 which I should owe him previous to that date - Saw some very fine cattle at Mr P's - S. Rockwood was looking at them.

Must not omit mentioning that I paid to Mr Plumb ten dollars in Bennington money which I had endorsed on the note he held against me.

Mr P. was engaged in finishing off a new house for Percy.

It was a few rods W. of Mr Haswell's that I halted, leaving my ladies & the team by the road side during my absence.

Need not mention a curious kind of dispute that happened on this occasion between me & my dear who refused doing as I had desired her.

We very moderately got along over the muddy unpleasant ways, arriving at the Falls 3/4 of an hour before sunset.

All well at friend Parsons' excepting the infant daughter.

Mr P. soon got home from Mr Goodwin's, N. part of H. where he was engaged in making shoes for a kind of Dutch family.

In the evening visited the machine shop of S. & H. Parsons where business





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was going on very lively - stopped neither for Saturday evenings nor Sundays. S.P. was in Connecticut selling machines, found quick market and had written home for a fresh supply which the workmen were now diligently engaged in finishing, being in the whole made and disposed of in the pres't year about 80 in number which would bring in a sum exceeding 8000 dollars.

Informed friend Hiel of Mr Seaton's breaking into Tanbrook as mentioned on the 14th inst.

Dr L. Sherwood was sent for to visit the sick child - he came and attended to his business like a good physician - staid awhile talking in his usual odd strain - when he returned to his house I accompanied him - was led past his Log House into his brick office, the lower part of which now constituted his parlour, where his lady and another female companion and a little girl were seated by a good fire - was introduced to one of those ladies as Mrs Sherwood, but was entirely unable afterwards to ascertain the fact.

Conversed pretty freely, ate some apples, and at the request of the doctor was shown the interior of his log house which stood in front of the office - handsomely plastered & apparently very warm & comfortable furnished with a good cooking stove, and a goodly number of other utensils for keeping house.

Having thus examined the eccentric dwelling of an excentric character, marched across the river to P's - here we sat up late talking mostly of Mr P's visit in Rensselaerville among the Conklins' & at Greenville, N.Y. at Jarvis Stones' - Doing well at both places - Mr C. had resigned the care of the tannery into the hands of his sons - Dan. D. was in company with them selling leather & buying hides in the City of Albany. Wid. Lydia Stone, the mother of Mrs Ruth P. & Sally Harwood he said enjoyed good health and able to perform considerable labor notwithstanding her age which was 75 yrs.

SUNDAY, NOV. 22 Continued very dull - had snowed some during the night but it was only sufficient to barely whiten the roofs of buildings and some spots of land - rained during a part of the day - remained cloudy, thick & muddy to the end - wind S.E. John Bull, as they nicknamed our nephew Andrew, cous. Henry & all the family were assembled together to enjoy the society of their Bennington guests, which rendered our visit lively & musical, my writing Journal to the contrary notwithstanding. After supper we came away - took the road to Mr Ostranders - Quackenbush's, Sherwood's and Harmon's - very unpleas't travelling - arrived here sometime after dark. Found cous. Geo. Harw'd, H. Waters & B. Sears at this house - Mr McKee was also a guest. G.P. Harwood perused a few pages of this Journal in the evening.

MONDAY, NOV. 23 Rainy, muddy & Unpleas't, w'd N.W. at night.





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Visited the house of Major L. Norton and settled accounts with him and found myself indebted to him \$4.50 for 2 doz. pens & 2 chamb's - gave him an order on the distillery for 6 bbls 24 G's cider at 4/0 pr bbl but afterwards recollecting I had let him have 1 bbl on the 30th Oct. went to his house and minuted it on the order, he having rode away on business.

At the Distillery made settlement according to the first ticket & my own acc't, subsequent to that date, Oct 24th, because it squared with our calculation of the whole quantity made.

Our friend L. Sibley had been rather inaccurate in his accounts at the Distillery - the amount which we made out was Bbls 73, 31 gal's.

Next called on friend Norman who was too unwell to be out of the house, got him to say how much the damage was which the cows did in breaking into his cornfield on the 4th of Aug. He said according to the best of his judgment he should estimate the damage at 10 bbls corn, which, altho I was aware they could not be innas they were, without doing considerable mischief, yet I felt as if it was too high.

Previous to giving in the sum he said he was willing to take up with half the value and rest satisfied.

Offered him 5 bbls cider at the Distillery, which was agreed to, he giving me a Due Bill of 143 G's & 1 p't brandy from which a deduction of 9 gallons was made to meet that demand.

With regard to the oats, Mr Ayres had never seen him, said he would receive them at any time during the Winter.

Thus was disposed of business of a most unpleas't kind, such as I should never wish to be obliged to do again.

Got home past the hour appointed for attending the funeral of Alvah Randall who departed this life late on Saturday evening aged 37 or 38 - Visited the Street - settled an acc't of \$3.75 with F. Childs - 2 prs shoes had in Summer for Diadama & Adeline - paid it by way of Mr V.D. McEwen to whom Mr C. was indebted for board, so much being deducted from money due for cheese from McE.

Heman Robinson, Isaac T., D. Clark and others were there examining a Religious Book lately published and printed by D. C. for the author, Roswell Rice, Jun., of Cambridge, N.Y.

C. was trying to get his pay by attaching & selling the copies.

On coming home called at Swift & Son's & bo't deerskin mittens for 2/6 1 lb tea for 4/6, which was charged \$1.17.

H. Waters rode home with me - bro't glass diamond, putty &c with him & cut & set glasses for us - sung & danced moderately some part of the eve'g.





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(MONDAY, NOV. 23) Cold & freezing all day - rough harsh wind from NW  
 TUESDAY, NOV'R 24 Twelve loads manure were carted into the meadows.

H. Waters wint. app's were conveyed to him.

Mr Kelly came there to borrow money - W. had none to lend - Saw him afterwards at F. Blackmer's where I bo't articles for H. Waters & M. A. Waters - paid cash for the latter - and in truth I must correct myself so far as to say that H. W. did his own trading and merely forwarded the stuff to our ladies for the completion of his bedding now being fixed here. Mr K. could borrow no money - owed S. H. Brown & Fay \$25. or wished to raise that sum for them as Brown was going off to N. York tomorrow morning - terrible times for money. Mr K. had disposed of much produce but realized little or nothing for it - thought he should be obliged to go into the limits of the jail yard - Sold his cheese to Loomis & Briggs who gave him whenever sale should be made by them, \$5.90 pr hund. furnished casks themselves and paid half the transportation in goods.

They bo't about 6000 lbs - Said next April should quit the Harmon establishment - wanted to have call on him to buy cows, of which he should have a number of real good ones.

Visited Swift & Son's - bo't a light article for Mary Ann W. - paid for it with her money & got 1 lb saleratus for 20 cts cr't & returned home. Paid 12 $\frac{1}{2}$  cts cash to Geo. Norton Jun balance due for work Oct 3d.

WEDNESDAY, NOV. 25 Cold raw S. wind and cloudy - grew mild after dark - a storm was looked for. Early in the eve'g visited town in the 1 h. wagg. Deliv'd to V. D. Mc Ewen 101 lbs butter at 1/0 pr lb - had rec'd in butter & cheese the value of \$23.52 since the 5th inst. and after deducting the payment to Childs there was due me \$17.77" which he engaged to pay on the 10th Dec'r. - sooner if he could get in his money - complained twas lent out to many individuals - was in the habit too of lending to men in good circumstances, who but for the extraordinary times would not be driven to so snug quarters.

E. Montague and others were there.

Called at S.H. Brown's store & bo't of his clerk, J. Adams, 3 doz vest buttons at 11 cts - 1 sk silk 6" - 1 st. twist 5" - total 44". Mr B. gone to N. Y.

Dr N. Swift came in to purchase a cap for his litt. boy, but I believe did not trade.

D. Ruttenbur was busy fixing something in his line at further extremity of the store, which on the gr'd floor was now all in a single apartment with a new elegant counter just erected by D. R.

Came down the hill - visited Mr Ogden to make some excuses for not paying him sooner and acquaint him with the fact that our cows the present season yielded comparatively but a small supply of butter - promised him & his blacksmith 20 lbs butter - the residue of my debt of \$5.59 in money by the 10th Dec. Bo't the saleratus this eve'g, committed a mistake in putting down for the 23d - came home. Waters & McKee here - Abner Noble was killed this day.





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THURSDAY, NOV'R 26 Snowed several hours - enough to cover the ground thinly - it was but light.

The erection of a hen roost S. end of the new hog pen and some regulations at the barn was the business of the day.

In the eve'g rec'd in full for live hogs of Mr John Ayres two dollars & six cents quite unexpectedly - Gave him thanks for his punctuality. Tho's Kent drew for his mother from Brown's woods 1 l'd wood. See Aug. 26 for contract with J. Ayres - Likewise 27th.

FRIDAY, NOV'R 27 Cold morning but handsome day.

Improved in carting manure on to the N. meadow. 12 loads the result of this day's work. Some members of this family attended a Prayer Meeting held at Mrs Kent's. Misses Hollister, Ayres & Godfrey's leaders. H.Waters attended said meeting - complained its making his head swim.

SATURDAY, NOV'R 28 Mild, fair & warm. My part in the business was to thresh 100 sheaves rye. Father & Daniels finished drawing out manure for the present, cleared the cider press, laid foundation for the stair posts & executed other small jobs. Sam'l & Nelson Duncan made a short visit here early in the evening. Andrus Daniels was here early in the day - N.L. Rob. in P.M.

On Friday I was called by Mr Geo Robinson to see the weight of seven hogs which were to be equally divided between that gentleman & S.H. Brown his landlord - weighed from 151 to 266 lbs - sum total 1584 lbs.

SUNDAY, NOV'R 29 Foggy, rainy or muddy - remarkably foggy at night - wind N. Had not much to perform in the way of writing - Perused Gibbon drily - read a few passages of our Saviours Life in the N. Testament. Mr Mc Kee accomp'd father to church in the 1 h. wagg. H.Waters spent a part of the day with us - in great expectation of sleeping in his new bed which was now about finished by our ladies. It was so occupied on Monday night.

MONDAY, NOV'R 30 Foggy and dull during the early part of the day - rained soakingly about all the P.M.

Caught the young hogs in a stable - selected 5 of the lightest and put them up to fatten.

This morning we discovered a dead one which was in fine condition and although of small size, yet he weighed 83 lbs making our loss at 3" pr lb am't to \$2.49

Father winnowed & fanned up rye, 7 bhls, the product of Saturday's threshing.

Before it rained too heavily Sylvanus and I got in 1 load hay from the stack.

Lent Eli Carpenter pr boys 2 bhls good coarse salt.

Sylvanus went home on Sunday.





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TUESDAY, DEC'R 1 Tolerably pleasant after a rainy night, wind N.W.

Went to Walbridge's mill and had the grain ground elegantly that was threshed out on Saturday.

Found a book in the Paper Mill which treated upon the good qualities of white mustard seed as medicine - did not read it through but was much entertained as far as I proceeded in it. Saw my friend Charles Walbridge who was trimming paper, stated that he had a daughter very sick. There happened at the grist mill a young Elwell who appeared to value himself as a horse trader. I came away in good season and must give the W's credit for having repaired their mill in a most thorough, convenient and handsome style - they will transact business in their line as expeditiously and in as fine order as at any other establishm't of the kind in the country.

There are attached to said mill an excellent smutter and a good fanning mill.

Arrived here before sunset and prepared for returning to Dr Swift's store to settle acc'ts there.

During my absence father & Sylvanus carted 10 l'ds manure into the N. meadow whixh added to what had already been carted amounted to 74 l'ds. - distributed chiefly in the meadow just named.

Proceeded to the store, and after industriously comparing our books and rectifying mistakes, including \$10 towards Sylvanus' due, was brought i in debt \$41.68 - for which gave my note due April 1st., 1830 with interest, - returned home late in the evening.

During my stay at the store there came in occasionally such gentlemen as Deac. E. Safford, William Haswell, E. D. Hubbell, Mr Ballard and a man with whom I was unacquainted who talked with friend William concerning the business of packing pork - meant instead of selling at \$4.25 to barrel it.

The debt above stated comprehends the balance of an account which including orders amounted, during the course of 11½ months, to the sum of \$86.75 of which the orders amounted, as near as I could ascertain, to \$21.05, leaving a balance of \$65.70" for family consumption.

Perhaps on some day of leisure a statement may be made showing the am't of our business with the merchants on our own account.

WEDNESDAY, DEC'R 2d Dull & cloudy - rained moderately P.M. very unpleasant walking in the highways.

Served the cider press and mill as mentioned Nov 23 1828.

The planks of the press were taken up and secured as they were then. Other sheds were looked to - an axe ground & some chopping executed in the woods.

Mr Mc Kee returned from attending Debating Society.

Perused some of Gibbons' 16th C. Vol. 2





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THURSDAY, DEC'R 3d Dry, frozen, clear & cold - high w'd N.W.

Thanksgiving was by most of our family duly noticed  
Father accomp'd by Sylvanus went to Church

Mr Mc Kee took breakfast and supper with us - had business in the vil-  
lage. H. Waters was at the breakfast table but came too late for supper  
Business called me to L. Barney's and to Mr Poole's - got no money - &  
learned that Mr P. was calculating the ensuing season to manage the  
dairy of Mr Austin Harmon and therefore would claim the assistance of  
his sister Esther - the bargain was not yet made, but probably would be  
Talked sometime with Mr Bills & lady and then returned here in time to  
sup with my part of the family.

Cous. George came over in the evening from the Furnace, in good health  
and spirits, ate and slept with us.

Mary Ann Waters returned from Mr Loomis' to keep Thanksg'g.

FRIDAY, DEC'R 4 Severely cold this morning, pretty clear chilling  
wind from the W. grew mild in the evening, w'd SE.

Walked with H. Waters to his shop where a short time was spent in look-  
ing at his buildings, writing a little &c.

He said \$38.86 should clear me from paying any more on the lumber de-  
mand of Jedediah Dewey - On that thing I had paid over to him \$40.00,  
he now agreed that I might charge the balance \$1.14 to H. Waters,  
which would bring all to a correct bearing between us.

In Dewey's bill of lumber there was a deficiency of 300 ft clapboards  
at 90" pr hund. which ought to be deducted from the footing of s'd  
Bill which would reduce it to the sum stated above, ie from \$41.56 to  
38.86

Left the Meetinghouse Street for the Furnace's - overtook my father at  
J. Harwood's - arrived on the F. ground about noon.

They had just finished casting at the new furnace - but were in prepara-  
tion for the same at the old one - and we had the pleasure of viewing  
the operation.

One of the Comp., Mr L., was present, who informed us that every cast-  
ing, twice in 24 hours at either fire, produced from  $1\frac{1}{2}$  to 2 tons good  
iron.

Cous. Geo. came to us - shewed their grand coal kilns which were in suc-  
cessful operation - we examined all round, not omitting the garden -  
found all things in pretty fair order except their bellows machinery  
which for want of oil kept up a doleful groaning.

Visited the Forge - saw the big hammer in operation - then marched down  
on the N. side of the stream to the ore bed worked by





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Stephen Dewey where are to be seen stupendous heaps of hard heads & earth mixed with gravel & other substances attesting the persevering & unyielding powers of man. The hands were digging ore from the bottom of a deep ditch near the upper extremity - whence it was wheeled out in barrows to a place convenient for loading it into waggons. Mr Dewey dug and delivered at the Furnace for \$2 pr ton.

Having satisfied ourselves at this place crossed over a bridge built some years since by Judge D. Fay, and then paid our respects to the works of Isaac Doolittle Esq which were not yet compleated - the water department seemed to be nearly in readiness. No more curiosities offering themselves, we set forward for home - engaged James Harwood to come to the house and make up a quantity of shoes for us at the end of a fortnight.

At J. Rog's called & received a remnant of good things which refreshed us a good deal. Procured a piece of cloth at the factory of J. Voluntine which father carried home. I went back & settled acc'ts with Mr V. who charged for coloring madder & dressing  $8\frac{1}{2}$  yds flann'l \$2.06 and fulling & coloring black  $8\frac{1}{2}$  yds men's wear, \$2.13 - tot'l \$4.19  
 for carding  $53\frac{3}{4}$  lbs wool \$3.17 -  $3/4$  dabs 30 cts 3.67 7.66  
 The only article he had rec'd from me was the soap 4.20 3.46  
 (P.64 of D.B'k)

Balanced by note one day after date which he said should be given up without interest if paid within sixty days. Not yet dark - saw Mr Savage clapboarding woodshed for Mr V. Called, after arriving in the meeting house street, at Swift & Son's & bo't 2 large cott. hdkfs - 72 cts 2 do less size, 48 cts and phial sour drops 10 cts - total \$1.30 - new acc't. Dr H. Swift, H. Waters & others in - did business with Dr N.

Settled acc'ts with Chandler & Son whose blacksmithing charges were \$8.16 and \$1.00 for lumber - in all \$9.16 - to which I could oppose \$4.76 only - leaving me in debt \$4.40 - gave note on demand.

So it appears our blacksmith's bill the year past stands thus -

H. Norton \$9.22 - Chandler \$8.16 - Ogden's man \$1.00 and M. L. Norton, say 13" - Total \$18.51 of which horseshoeing amount'd to \$7.09

But from the whole blacksmithing above stated, must deduct \$1. for run of wagg. to Troy - leaving it at \$17.51

Settled in part with capt. E. Waters - had omitted bringing with me my settlement note given in Feb'y 1827 - likewise had forgotten to put to his credit 39 lbs veal - rec'd in the summer of that year.

Returned home ere 9 o'clock and looked up said article in Journal - 25th July 1827 - \$1.37, which added to his acc't made \$14.38 and mine on the common acc't was \$5.79 to which adding his note for \$7.48 amt'd to \$13.75 - leaving a balance of 63" against me on that concern - but on acc't of another contract he owed me \$3.67





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SATURDAY, DEC 'R 5 Some snow lay on the ground - but it soon mostly disappeared, the wind blowing up warm from the S.

Dull and cloudy.

Sent a handsome barrow hog of the present year's growth weighing 127 lbs to Doct. N. Swift for which he credited me \$4.50 to apply on 188 dollar note. Sylvanus conveyed it and assisted in making a pen for him. After his return took the big wagg. and with my fair lady rode to Patchin & Co where we exchanged  $11\frac{1}{4}$  yds flann'l of slazy quality at 30 cts for  $28\frac{3}{4}$  cott. sheeting at  $12\frac{1}{2}$  leaving a blance against me of 21 cts

During the time walked to D. Clark's and bo't a blank book, 25 cts charged, and took out a letter from James Waterman postmarked Leonards Ville - charged  $18\frac{3}{4}$  postage which I did not pay because I lacked the change.

Took a turn in Mc Eowen's Bar Room thinking Mr McE might be wishing to rid himself of a little cash - but nothing was said on the subject - all right, for it was not yet due -

Returned down the hill to the store of Swift & Son.

Ed H. seemed to be preparing for a ride - his father mentioned to him the propriety of calling at John Stevens' to get \$500 which I understood said John wanted to get exchanged at the Benning. N'k

Here we traded on the face of credit to the am't of \$4.91 - viz 12 yds calico at 28" - gown patters for wife & daughter &  $3\frac{1}{2}$  yds blue do at 17 cts pr yd - handkerchief, blue pitcher and comb 92 cents.

Came down to capt. Waters and there finished my business commenced last evening.

After bringing the settlement to the stage mentioned at the bottom of last page I called on Miss Caroline for her bill which she stated to be between 4 & 5 dollars, a part of which I had understood was settled by way of miss Diadamia.

I offered to pay as soon as her father would pay me.

Capt. Elisha said that would not do - I must pay his daughter immediately - he wanted nothing to do with her affairs - didn't wish to be driven. I informed him that I was as destitute of money as other people - he replied he did not know who should have money if I didn't.

I engaged to see to Miss C's concern & have it fairly settled.

Took the capt's note payable one day after date for three doll's 7 4 ct passed receipts, &





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took leave. Mrs Harwood had footed it home.

This side the Dr Swift house took in for passenger Mrs Ayres and young Watson boy.

One circumstance of this day was not duly noticed - sold Mr Chandler 2 cheeses - weighing together  $54\frac{1}{2}$  lbs at 7" pr lb \$3.80 - endorsed on note - left some work for him to do which he did not execute in seas'n for me to bring home.

On Friday our flock having strayed into the enclosures of our good neighbor maj. L. Norton who thinking them to be deac. Fay's ordered them dogged - the boy unluckily putting on the wrong dog - some mischief ensued - the poor flock was roughly handled and scattered hither & yon. One was so badly bitten that it died - was bro't home, skinned, and the carcass thrown to the hogs.

Estimated damage at \$1. including trouble in looking up fugitives.

SUNDAY, DEC'R 6      Clōuds thick - remarkably dark - pretty rainy - a part of the time - mild & muddy - w'd N. at night.

Rose late in the morning - had so much to write and references to turn to that the day was chiefly passed in that way.

Father & Damia heard the preaching of Dr Griffin at the meeting house. Mr Mc Kee kept Sabbath with us. H. Waters likewise, most of the day.

Sylvanus said he had been hunting lost sheep - returned with the flock at night & discovered another sheep badly bitten.

Sylvanus chopped wood on Friday.

This evening Waters & Daniels waited upon Miss C. Robinson from our ~~new~~ house to her father's - where they assisted in stuffing sausages.

On Saturday evening Emerson Gleason called - made a short tarry & paid my lady 50 cents for butter deliv'd 27th March last.

Mr Waterman's letter was read with pleasure - it was short and contained no bad news - gave information of having seen a Colerainer who was bound up the Canal who reported all well in that quarter.

MONDAY, DEC'R 7      Very cloudy - foggy on the mountains - remarkably warm and muddy.

Thrashed out, say 11 bbls corn.

Father and Sylvanus worked at chopping in the woods.

Sent billets for money to Mr House & to maj. L. Norton - the latter returned this eve'g what he had borrowed, \$4.00, on the 23d ult.

In settling at Swift & Son's accounted to them for Sylvanus, the sum of ten dollars which made up to him fifty dollars according to contract.

See 8th or 9th Dec'r 1828.

TUESDAY, DEC'R 8      Continued remarkably cloudy - foggy, some rainy, dull & most unusually muddy.

With  $10\frac{1}{4}$  bbls corn went to the grist mill of Abell & Savage.

H. Norton could not shoe horses until to-morrow.





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Left boots and shoes to be mended at J. Harwood's.

Returning tow'ds town was hailed by Capt Hill for pork - wanted to buy, had been disappointed by a man in Hoosack - would not agree to pay over \$4 $\frac{1}{2}$  for the best because he could buy enough on't for that price - engaged to let him know on the morrow whether we would sell.

Went to the Post Office - saw uncle Sam. Rob. at Col. Norton's where he had assisted the col. at butchering hogs of a light description - talked with him about butchering for us in a day or two - seemed to think he could.

Called on L. Patchin & Co and paid 21 cents cash in full for cott. cloth bo't on the 4th inst.

Returned to the Post O. and tarried perhaps 2 hours waiting to have an opportunity to see N. L. Rob. who had gone to the E. part of the town getting wood for Ben. Sears - Missed the chance - too busy reading Johnson's Waller and too dull & drowsy to recollect much of what I had read at the expiration of the time.

Saw Col. Merrill who was rejoicing in the cause of Jackson - anticipating something superlative in the Pres. Message at the beginning of the pres't session of Congress.

Remarked the meagreness of opposition - confined principally to the N. England States - Must all at last bow to the influence of the people of the West - of the Valley of the Mississippi - Cooly replied that opposition was good - that I felt but little interest in politicks - was glad to have things go on right &c.

Saw while here many gentlemen of my acquaintance - U.M. Robinson, J. S. Rob., Sam. Fay Esq., J. E. Rob. Esq., John Wright of Pownal, likewise his cousin Isaac Wright one of our young att'ys, Barnabas Wood, Lorenzo Downs and others.

With Mr D. talked some of buying cows.

At Fisk's and at the Court House saw Hiram Waters busily engaged in bargaining to finish off the lower part of the latter establishment - rode with me to Swift & Sons where seeing a man from Stamford, Vt., immediately got Ed. H. to write to Esq. Wilmarth a gentleman at the head of Meeting House Committee against whom he had a claim of about \$100 to forward payment.

I bo't 1 qt lamp-oil at 92" pr G. charged 23 cts and in obedience to an agreement with Henry Harwood whom I had just seen at Fisk's - ordered E Ed H., to give my cousin credit for fifty cents & charge the like am't to me, it being for use of Minister among cows in the summer past - he having been put to that cost on acc't of letting me have s'd Minister. H. Waters & B. Sears came home with me intend'g to go to an Methodist meeting but gave it up afterward because it was app'd at Morton's - the weather and bad walking being against them.

I performed a piece of writing for H. W.





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From the hand of Mr B. Squires rec'd tow'd debt of over \$3.00, one dollar and seventy five cents for which I felt thankful - and from Mr House by the hand of And's Daniels \$1.50" in full - and excellent reply to my card.

In the evening paid to S. W. Daniels tw'd umbrella, forty cents.

Saw Mr Eli Carpenter who said he had got our salt ready for us - talked of other things which I have not time to mention here.

Sylvanus' business was chopping as on the day preceding.

Father doct'd the wounded sheep &c.

Paid postage for Waterman's letter  $14\frac{3}{4}$  cts., charged too high, but too late to get it off, because I had not mentioned it on taking it from the office.

WEDNESDAY, DEC'R 9 Slightly frozen in the morning, but before night the mud was as deep as on the 8th, Pleasant & chilly w'd N.W. Assisting in preparing timber to hew for two gate posts, which during my absence were fitted and planted, the one at the entrance of the south barnyard, the other where the gate opens from the milking yard W. into the lane. Rode off to get yesterday's compleated. Bo't of Dr S. & S. one lb tea 75", booked. Capt Hicks appeared to be negotiating some pecuniary business with them.

Called on Mr Ogden to see if he wished to buy pork - found him supplied Saw Stebbins D. Walbridge along with his friend J.S.Hinsdill - enquired how beef was selling - said he believed it was worth from four to four and a half cts pr lb - told him that some thought a person was fool for buying at that rate when pork was so low. He said it was not too high, for it cost as much to make beef as pork - complained that nothing sold well in these times.

Proceeded to Algiers - had horses shod at H. Norton's - price \$1.55 Charles, his uncle, assisted him - had  $10\frac{1}{4}$  bbls corn ground at A. & S's mill - rec'd my shoemaking - at 40 cts - & dinner at J.Harwood's - heard gr't complaint of Pow'l Bates in his school on account of unreasonable severity.

At the mill Eb. Chase bo't a small grist of corn which he got ground & requested me to bring to him in my wagg. In passing his house was so absent that that I drove to capt. Hill's before the mistake was discovered and then had post back to rectify it.

Saw Lawyer Squires and his man with a load of wood from the E.

At Chandler's bro't away a hoop of old waggon tire & 0/9 worth of work, got home by sunset or a little past.

The evening was fine.

McKee & Sylvanus attended the Debating Club at the Academy.

I this evening discovered an omission in my entries in this and the Day Book - no less than the payment of 25 Dolls in full for corn either on the first or the 2d of April, to Swift & Son, they had it credited at our settlement & I did not know of the blunder on my part at that time. Corrected it this eve'g.





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THURSDAY, DEC'R 10 Pleas't over head, but remarkably rough, frozen - wind N.W. early p't, but aft. p't S.W.

A great gate was hanged this morning. Sylvanus attended to chopping. Delivered to Mr Ogden 22 lbs butter - \$3.67" - and paid him \$1.92" in money which balanced all acc'ts there both with him his blacksmith Mr Ball to whom six lbs said butter was to go.

Paid 12½ cts to J.K.Hicks' borrowed on Sunday to pay contribution money for repairs of meeting house.

Visited the printing office. Clark offered me State Papers of Gen'l Gov't for 50 cts pr Vol. in boards - too poor to buy.

Walked down Court H. Hill and across the river below the bridge to Saff'd Robinson's - went first to uncle Sam's and then to Saff'ds barn where our uncle & cousin Nathan, assisted by Safford, were dressing a beef cow, the latter said he would dispose of a calf skin to me - agreed to buy of him - they recommended Mr Barton of Shaftsbury as a proper man with whom I could trade honestly for leather or anything in his line. Supped with my relatives.

Read Ecclesiastical History a little - saw them carry in their pork which they had this day butch'd, 2 carcasses only.

Cous. N.L. came up into the street with me.

Visited Mc Eowen who paid me tow'd butter \$10 in money - Came home and sat up late.

Forgot to mention seeing at Hicks' J.A.French & a pretty portly good looking man whom they styled "General" - full of his jokes - took passage in West'n Stage.

FRIDAY, DEC'R 11 Chilly S. wind - ground frozen very rough.

Uncle Sam'l and cous. Nathan assisted in butchering 3 female swine - such as had pigs last Spring - which weighed thus - 261, 254 and 244 lbs - and a fine old cow called "Old Line" - 15 years old in the Spring - raised in 1814 - the only remaining animal on the farm that was owned by us in my grandfather & uncle Ira's life time - and there is but one more on earth reared here which exists and that is Horace Dimmick's mare - sold to him in Jan. 1825.

The aforesaid cow produced 67 lbs tallow in the rough, 78" hide & 562 lbs quarters handsome beef.

It took about 100 bbls potatoes to fatten her, which at 25 cts, a low estimate for this year, would cost \$25. - when she was knocked down a butcher would have thought it a generous price to have paid \$28 for her Uncle S. & Cous. N. staid in the eve'g - the pork was handsomely cut up - Sylvanus assisted. I borrowed N. Norton's fine saw.

Saw H. Waters at work





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and I paid cash in full for use of horse to Troy in June last, by the hand of his hired man to N. Norton, fifty cents.

SATURDAY, DEC'R 12 Stormy S.E. wind & cloudy - thawed up with great rapidity ending late P.M. in a tremendous shower of rain which finally was wound off with a small quantity of snow. Conveyed to neighbor Dexter's this morning a hind q'r of beef, 148 lbs at  $4\frac{1}{2}$  cents to apply on debt due H. Waters. Proceeded forward in 1 h. wagg. to Saff'd Robinson's where took on board uncle Sam's cow hide and then forthwith dashed through thick and thin to Baron's Shaftsbury, to whom sold our cow hide, 78 lbs, at 5 c & rec'd in paym't a large excellent size upper leather at \$3. & for want of making change exact - 91 cents in cash. Directed uncle Sam's to be tanned upon shares, according to his request. Mr B. was busy in finishing a coarse boot - told me he had never carried out of the place but a single lot of leather in his life time, & always found it difficult to supply his home calls to the end of the year - so good being his custom - Meant to deal in such manner as to induce his customers to call again. Returned to our relatives - cous. N.L. & B. Sears were engaged clapp'd the new shed - While uncle Sam'l was taking his beard I took supper, after which he got into the wagg. in order to ride home with me - commenced raining soon after we left the house and by the time we reached D. Robinson Jun's it really poured down rapidly - halted under Hicks shed and waited an hour or two during which it came down in torrents. Sam'l Loomis and Barna. Wood were in the same predicament. Bo't of Swift & Son  $3\frac{3}{4}$  gal lamp oil, borr'd \$3 in money and drove home - a part of the way in a very rough rain, found much water in the highway.

Late in the evening delivered 140 lbs fore q'r beef to capt. E. Waters at  $3\frac{3}{4}$  cts for which he bargained in the morning. I meant to have had 4 cts, but the man reasoned loudly against me, saying there was always \$1's difference before between fore and hind q'rs. I disagreed with him as to that, and as he complained of my price and knowing him to be remarkably tenacious of his cash, split the difference with him and, against my own notion of right, put it as I did, to be paid in a few days. Bo't on short cr. a very fine calf skin at such price as some good judge of such property should say it was worth, of Saff'd Robinson.

SUNDAY, DEC'R 13 Stiff cold wind N.W. - flying cl'ds - some snow on the gr'd - roads very rough & hobby - Started early for Hoosick, or I might say it was past 10 A.M. Left uncle Sam. cutting beef on acc't of having been hindered the preceding day. W. part of the town walked in company with Mr Reub. Wickwire who was enquiring for two lost bucks.





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Visited the house of Joseph Percey where saw and paid A. Plumb twenty one dollars to apply on \$125.00 note given 15th of March last. Looked at the new house on which Mr P. was at this time employed. The little boy fell down stairs - but was not much injured. The girls appeared to advantage, they cooked a good supper - after partaking of it, sun an hour high, leaned for home. Turned out of the road at the Line Hill to examine the ground to see if it might admit of being improved to advantage as a highway - was satisfied that it would facilitate the drawing of loaded carriages up into Bennington in a wonderful manner - kept chiefly across lots close to the N. end of Mt Anthony the remainder of the way home where I arrived awhile after d'k. Must not forget seeing Mr Andrews in the morning at the Line hill on his way home - said he was teaching 7 schools in a week. Mr Southworth paid us a visit - Read the Pic-nic Story - the moral of which went to show the folly of long looked for pleasures in which we almost invariably are disapp'd. H. Waters & Mr Mc Kee were guests here. Sylvanus waited upon our girls to meeting - went himself to Algiers to an evening meeting. On the 11th news of the death of Judge Washington or rather read remarks in the papers on that melancholy occasion which had recently reached this vicinity pr mail.

MONDAY, DEC'R 14 S. wind again - but thawed less rapidly than on the 12th. Before going Up Street assisted in repairing board fence and bars down the lane against the Litt. Mead. Believe Sylvanus & T. Kent were in our service chopping in the woods. As I walking past friend R. Carpenter's on the opposite side of the road, he hailed me to know if I wanted money? Answered in the affirmative - crossed over and rec'd two doll's in money - Conversed a few moments on the pressure of the times and then visited the printing office where saw D. & S. Clark, D. Rob'n Jr, J.S. Robinson, Ashley, Col Merrill & others making remarks on the Pres. Message delivered to both Houses Congress on the 8th inst., the col. thinking it superior to anything of the kind. The Post O. was this day removed by W. Haswell to the corner below the B'k. Left 1 Vol of Byron & bro't away, Stage Biography & Fashionable Tour - 1821 - Came down street - bo't of Swift & Son goods which are inserted in my day book p. 34. Saw capt. Ira Hawks there who said on the morrow he should carry a quantity of pork for which Bigelow & Co., would pay \$4.75 pr cwt.





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A woman with whom I was unacquainted sold Ashley the Taylor a light hog the weight of which was I think lbs 129.

Came home and found our old friend Eli Carpenter waiting to see me about School affairs. His son Eli, a lad of 14, had behaved in such a way as induced Mr Mc Kee to order out of the S. house with the privilege of returning next day if he would mend his behaviour, or if his parents saw fit to send him.

After supper went to the school house where they had a spelling match - They performed tolerably well. Mr C. opened his business to the preceptor and after some few words in a peaceable way, it was settled.

Mr Fay was present. Left the house and departed to our homes.

H. Watson was here this eve'g.

Mr L. Ayres & family left our neighborhood after        years residence.

TUESDAY, DEC'R 15 Thawed up all soft - wind strong in the S.

Some repairs were made at the barn which occupied father & me chiefly through the day.

Tho's Kent with Sylvanus pursued chopping in the woods.

Near night visited the street - saw & paid 50 cts cash in full to capt. Pefez Harwood at Hicks' - it being for corn had in March or April last See Day Book, p's 21, 59. Likewise for Diadamia rec'd 2/6 pr the hand J. K. Hicks in full for debt by Julia Ann ~~Stor~~ Henry.

Went to the printing office, and then to Mc Eowens - waited some time for the return of the landlord from Pownal - meanwhile saw Judge Stephe Robinson & Isaac T. disputing about the election of Andrew Jackson - they became a little warm - Merrill & others dropped in and had something to offer in vindication of the Administration.

Liked the plan of turning out the drones at Washington. Richard Carpenter was one of these advocates. E. Montague was present, and related to me many particulars of his law controversy with O. Abell & Ed Savage concerning the Williamstown Chapel Contract in which he was successful. Had rec'd lately in cash or money more than 300 dollars, all or a part of which was put out at interest for 18 mo's. Pretty noisy in the Bar-room. Page Haynes and other worthies were there.

Rec'd in full of my friend V. D. Mc Eoweh for butter & cheese, \$7.77". Came down to Doct. Swift's store, paid all borrowed money and came home accomp'd by L. Jewett who was on horseback.

I kept company by clawing through the mud - talking busily all the way.

WEDNESDAY, DEC'R 16 Fair & pretty cool - w'd N.W. Entered the woods

with father & Sylvanus where wood was hauled & drawn from a bad declivity near the N.W. corner of our lot to a place convenient to get it with team & sled on a future day. Left the ground before night - foddered cattle - rec'd from cous. N.L. Robinson \$20.

tow'ds borrowed money & agreed to endorse for him at the Bank \$50. - let him have \$9.44" to take up my obligation at O. & A. Arnold's.

Wrote a letter to that firm making some apologies for not paying exactly by the time - asked advice requesting a quantity of brzndy I was going to have for sale, whether to carry it down this winter or next summer.





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This morning a Book Auction was holden at the Inn of James Hicks' Jun where many persons attended, among others Mr Mc Kee who returned with a sett of Rollin's A. Hist'y, 4 V.Oct. at 75" pr V. Was in the street myself this evening and even visited the Auct. Room but bo't nothing. Talked with D. Clark & Col M. about taking books towards what the latter owed me. Returned home past 9 - sat up late in reading and looking at books.

THURSDAY, DEC'R 17 Pleas't, fair & midd'g cold.

Business in the woods was conducted by father, Sylvanus and tho's K't. My employm't was (in) fixing barn door where it had been shattered by the wind & doing other light jobs about the barn which it is not necessary to particularize.

N.L.Robinson came here with his note to the Bank which I endorsed as agreed upon - Left his sist. Emily & our cous. M.A.Waters & proceeded to Pownal to get a load of wood for the meeting house - intending to go to Troy next day.

I am not correct with respect to the Book Auction - It was this evening and not on Wednesday as above written.

16th Mr McKee & H. Smith were here & attended Debates.

This evening I was up as mentioned on the 16th - thus it stands corrected. Sylvanus bo't Franklin's Life & Odds & Ends - 21 cts.

FRIDAY, DEC'R 18 Pretty clear early in the day, but became overcast with clouds towards evening & snowed some in the night, and blew chilly from S.E.

Father and Sylvanus chopped wood in the grove.

Made it my chief occupation to settle & collect pay of Col O.C.Merrill who on note & acc't owed me about \$34. Dined at D.Clark's. Returned into the Street and rec'd of Col. M. 5 vols of Am. State Papers from 1801 to 1815 inclusive - bound - which he said I might take for \$5. - allowed him \$6. - and then by way of D. Clark rec'd Lay's Map of N.York 1822, \$6. the same that C. gave for it new, and Carey's Large Atlas 1818 at \$15., great price - same as he gave when new, which lowered my demand to 7 dollars.

On these articles tried diligently to get them set lower by friend C. but it was in vain.

Got 5th Vol of Gibbon by mistake - meant to have had the third.

Coming home bo't at Swift & S's Marshall's Spelling Book - 15" - and a vomb, 13", on Cr. & borrr'd 1st Vol of Cyclop. first part of letter M. - drove home - lent Mc Kee \$4.00 . He returned from the Book Auct. with copies of Blis Lectures and Biographical Dict. abridged - the former at 80 - the latter at 82 cts and Popes' Essay, 4 cts.

Mother was taken very ill on Thursday evening. Doctor S. visited her.





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On the evening of the 16th inst., G. P. Harwood deposited with me the sum of eleven dollars for which he exacted no interest and whenever he should require its repayment, would give me ten days notice - signed a note for the same on demand. Was much gratified and pleased with this token of confidence and respect from my cousin - engaging to do what I could in return for it.

SATURDAY, DEC'R (20th) 19. Tolerably cold - snowy enough to make half way decent sledding. Wood chopping was prosecuted by father and me.

Sylvanus was sent to Chandler's where the oxen were shod - shoes being furnished by us - charged \$1.12 $\frac{1}{2}$  - fixed sled tong - 0/9 - entered on my Day Book \$1.25.

S., P.M., drew a large load of dry round wood to the school house - a part of the credit of T. Kent for which he would chop up the whole at the school house.

This morning the book concern between me between me and friend Mc Kee who took to himself the Biographical Dictionary - letting me have Blair Lectures, price 80 cts, paid me the difference 12".

I ought to mention his getting Walker and Key large for \$1.30 - the only remaining copy on hand which was run up pretty high by contending bidders.

Made settlement with Hiram Waters this evening and balanced accounts by paying him \$17.31 - making the sum total paid him since last June amount to \$106.59 There remained but one article unsettled - 12 bbls apples, \$1.50, to be paid in work.

On Friday morning Mr V.D. Spiegel bo 't & paid for 23 lbs cheese at 7 cts pr lb.

Lent H. Waters this eve'g \$2. Mr McKee owed me the same.

SUNDAY, DEC'R 20 Rather mild and pretty fair. Public worship was attended by our venerable father. With us at home the day passed off as usual, reading and writing. Mr McKee wrote home to his father - examined his new Biog. Dict. &c. Wrote for H. Waters an estimate of the expense of building a cider house and stable 30 x 60 ft 14 ft posts - which including foundation would amount to \$300. Orren & S.W. Daniels rode home to dad's in Pow'l - the latter was much taken up in reading his new novel of Flying Indians.

MONDAY, DEC'R 21 S. wind and thaw early or say during 2/3ds of the day, at night wind changed, aye & it was earlier than that - changed to N.W. blew in violent gusts, and blew cold. Was up very early and added acc'ts amounting to more than \$600 - came only to June.

Some preparation was made for drawing wood - and Sylvanus





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devoted the principal part of the A.M. to getting a load of wood for Thomas Kent - During the same time attempted threshing rye a little. P.M. a l'd of hay was drawn from the stack to the horse barn and there stored

Father arrived from visiting his old friend Solomon Saff'd Esq - paid another short visit to Mr Robinson & family.

Sent Sylvanus this eve'g to town & had M.C.K's letter deposited at the printing office for his father & procured of J. S. Robinson the 3d Vol of Gibbon - he returned through Algiers - by Smith's, Fay's & Norton's S.L.Fay came home with him for whose amusement after having read the greater part of the Biographical account, (style handsome, lively, easy & natural) of the celebrated Player, Mr Kean - performed a few old pieces on the flute.

Enjoyed remainder of evening well reading Kean and Mr & Mrs Bartley - All of said players had visited our country.

TUESDAY, DEC'R 22 Frozen, cold & dry - chilly, w'd N.

Spent the day hauling wood from our hill to a convenient spot for loading to draw home whenever the sledding should be good. S. broke H. Waters' axe helve and we made a wreck of the old ox sled which ended our day's work - so we came home.

Father visited principally at Mr House's - made other calls which I have not time to mention.

Mr McKee held a spelling school this evening. Sylvanus and my children attended. Lydia, Damia & Sally visited Mrs Kent this evening.

Tho's (H) K. wounded himself quite sorely, a day or two since, drawing his finger across the sharp edge of some glass as he was adjusting the stuffing to a vacant pane in an old sash.

H. Waters came from N. Norton's sick.

WEDNESDAY, DEC'R 23 Pleas't, mild morning, but before night the wind blew briskly from the S. and commenced thawing

bravely. Went in search of a pair of sawed sled runners in the E. part of the town - but found none that would answer our purpose.

Saw Solo. Lawrence at Esq Thayers who offered me \$60 for our bay horse, to be paid in July - Did not think proper to trade because we could not well do without the services of the beast.

Got S. H. Daniels' boots tapped on his own acc't at J. Harwood's.

Came up into the Street - bo't at Swift & Sons 1 lb white must'd seed 25" - charged.

Learned that the Doctor had been sent for to visit Mother who was violently seized with pain in the side.

H. Waters was also quite sick.





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Indeed we had a sick house here.

Went to the Printing Office and staid awhile - bo't on acc't  $\frac{1}{2}$  p't ink and vessel to keep it in for 19".

After my return from town Sylvanus was sent up for a wrick bedstead, which was borrowed of Dr N. Swift.

In the evening McKee & And's Daniels called as they returned from attending the Debating Society.

Mrs Andrews paid us a visit.

THURSDAY, DEC'R 24 Thawee up quite soft & muddy - rained a little - wd S. Visited Mr Hunt's to see if I could purchase some runners - but saw none worth buying - came up through town by way of the new road - Assisted at the Bank in loading into the E. stage, M. L. Selden, driver, ~~wh~~ two boxes very heavy which I supposed contained specie.

At the P. Off. rec'd the H<sub>2</sub>ilton Acad. Student's Repository - June 21st 1829 - superscribed in fine style - which I read through in the evening some of the pieces were quite serious, and others were quite of a different character. No name was attached to said paper - so had to guess at the person by whom it was sent - we attributed it to our friend Lyman Sherwood.

Bo't of D. Clark, to apply on Merrill's note, the map of Mass., Conn. and Rhode Island for \$5.00 - the price he said he paid for it - staid sometime at the office and came home.

Looked at maps and perused Gibbon.

H. Waters getting better - sent for oyster pr William in the evening & procured a small quantity - Dr H. Swift visited him. Mother was also some better.

Sylvanus pursued threshing rye as on the preceding day - father busied himself in various ways.

At night, cornstalks being all eated up or disposed of some way, we foddered the cattle at the stack.

On Wed. Eve'g N.L. Robinson with his cous. Benj. Sears came here and paid me \$5. in full of \$25. which he hired of me in Oct. last.

Dr H.S. came here A.M. 24th.

My cous. also informed me of leaving my money with his brother Samuel in Troy with orders to pay it over & take up my note at O.&A. Arnold's

FRIDAY, DEC'R 25 Thawy - muddy - misty in the forepart of the day - grew fair towards evening. Threshing was continued as the main business. A black birch tree shaped at the butt for a sled wrook was cut by father & son. Doct. Wolfe from Wid. Norton's came up to angle in our brook in order to pricure a rarity for our friend Norman whose condition was much improved in his estimation, but the old gent, far in his 70th year and a good deal blind, having very little success, we turned out our Sylvanus with his hook & line while he sat discoursing with H. Waters, father & myself.

Stated that he was born in Strasburgh, Alsace, France - came to America at the age of 17 - served as Trumpeter under De La Luzerne - was wounded at storming one of the Redoubts during the siege of York Town - lost a finger & had his hand pierced through





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THURSDAY, OCT. 1st., Harsh, chilly, cl'dy high N.W. w'd.

Described their manner of managing the vine and the method of extracting the juice of the grape and how they made brandy - related many particulars respecting the R. Rhine, cities of Amsterdam, Rotterdam, Erfist &c. The old gent was very entertaining during the whole visit. I played flute and he sang one or two songs - on which was John Bull daring the Corsican to invade England. He was soon called away by a young man who had a word in private with him - We were unacquainted with him or his complaint, but were informed that many cases of like kind abounded in this section of country at this period.

SATURDAY, DEC'R 26 Hazy and moderate - roads all thawed up in a most shocking manner. Thrashing was continued.

Father rode S. to find wheat in the morn'g, without success - returned and took my place at the barn. Fixed up and rode with Doct H. Swift out West. The doctor came down to visit mother & H. Waters. In riding with me he was very sociable on scientific topics. Spoke of late improvements in England in mechanical inventions, both in manufactures and travelling engines &c. Left him at Jones' - halted a mom't at S. Scott's - heard S. speak highly of ox-sleighs made by him for L. Norton, J. Percy & D. Rogers - tried to describe to him the situation of our Farm. Drove on towards Dimmicks, was overtaken on horseback by J. Norton & B. Squires who gave me the time of day. Arrived at D's - found Jac'b Hollenbec who had come from Hoosac to bring a quarter of beef - Inquired whether Mr Breese had wheat to sell - they said he had - went to the pasture N.W. of the house, S. of Mr Kinsley's where the man with black Charles was digging stones for wall - left his work - measured up 1 bhl wheat for which I paid him \$1.25.

We talked respecting dairy concerns, parted - returned into the Street visited the office of Lawyer Hall - the key was left in the door - examined the Library forom which selected the 7th V. of Shakespeare - sat down and wrote a line notifying the capt. of what I had done, which was left upon the table - came home - read Richard ~~X~~ llll some - examined parts of Eng. Hist. illustrative of that grand Play - looked at the map of Eng'd.

Or son Hopkins seemed to be pleased with the old Bard.

Hiram Waters pleased himself drawing plans of buildings - health improving.

SUNDAY, DEC'R 27 Low atmosphere - cloudy, foggy & moderate.

Rained a good deal in the evening, w'd S.

My reading was rather diffuse - but mostly confined to Richard llll. Looked at newspapers & maps - at the latter chiefly in the evening along with friend McKee who also paid me \$2. borrowed money. Father, Diadamia and young Hopkins went





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to meeting and heard one of his pointed personal harangues - belching forth abundance of hard sentences against "Infidels" &c.

Cous. N.L. Robinson came down and informed that he had compleated a contract with gen'l D. Robinson for the timber of 3 acres of his Woodford land on the height of the ridge E. of Weeks' - would commence business there on the 30th inst.

His land would cost him \$13.50".

Sylvanus went to meeting in Algiers - saw three persons plunged in Baptist style - among whom was Mr Atkins the father of our Elijah A., chief joiner to H. Waters.

Sylvanus rode to Pow'l for cous. N.L.R. in the evening - staid all night

(TUESDAY) - MONDAY Dark & foggy - muddy almost beyond example.

December 28th Father & Sylvanus were employed with their axes in cutting wood for fuel in pastures and in the grove.

I visited Walbridge's grist mill where 1 bhl wint. & 4 bhls buckwh't were ground. Spent the P.M. chiefly in the paper mill where young ladies were employed in scraping paper - confined my reading principally to Shakespeares' Richard 3d but took occasion to examine a few books which I found there, such as Goodrich's Biog. of Signers of Dec. of Ind. U.S.A., Woodbridge's Elements of History, Stevens' Arithmetic & some others. Read in the first the account of Franklin's visit to his mother when she kept public house in Boston - did not know him and was jealous of his character - would have turned him out of doors in the time of a violent snow storm if others had not interfered in his behalf - making out a curious story which I have not time to notice further. In hunting for young Austin from whom I borrowed the Mustard Seed book, saw uncle Ruttenbur who complimented me with being a very honest man - replied that was yet to be proved. Nearly night when I left the mill - In coming past Saff'd Robinson's as the good man was fodding his cattle - came to the fence and discoursed with me on leather & tanners - pronounced a fine eulogium on the character of Gard. Barton Esq., Shaftsbury - agreed to take for the skin sold me on the 12th inst. \$2.25 At Capt Waters took in Diadamia who had bo't goods at Swift & Son's, including 1 lb tea, amt'g to \$4.03 & made settlem't with cous. Caroline by which she found due herself \$3.93. H.Waters had so far recovered his health as to perform light business.

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Continued mild, cl'dt & foggy & windy & muddy.

Wood was chopped at the door by Sylvanus who also assisted father & me in hauling down or

felling by means of rope an ash tree which stood upon the ridge of rock W. of the house from which was cut a sled crook sufficient for a pair of runners - the same was drawn to the house.

Sylvanus prepared for Woodford - read his Franklin in the evening.





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Same evening I was busy with Ricard llll and the "Mustard Seed" book. If I am correct, Mrs Margaret Eldred, formerly widow Carpenter, departed this life about 10 O'clock P.M. this day in the 70th year of her age was the eldest of the children of the late Eli Noble Esq of Pownal, sister of Mr Abner N. who was crushed to death under a loaded waggon on the 25th November. Mrz E. died at her daughter's Dimmicks at the Watson House, Pownal.

She was a woman of fine abilities, particularly in the way of gaining property. I was never much acquainted with her personally and therefore my remarks will be drawn out no further. See p. 23.

WEDNESDAY, DEC'R 30 Warm, foggy, & cloudy - w'd N.

Sylvanus was early rigged off for Woodford, provided with team, ax and provisions for a campaign of four days in Co. with cous. N.L.R. who joined him provided with hay & corn for two yoke of oxen for said expedition.

This morning bo't of Mr Seaton a young cow which he said he purchased in White Creek, N.Y. last June - then 4 years old - gave \$15. for her paid in laying wall. I agreed to pay him \$14 in money - half the first week in Jan & the remainder on the first of April, besides furnishing him with horse & waggon to convey his sick brother-in-law to the old Abner Noble place, Pow'l.

This man's name was Matteson - had lately endured much sickness - walked through the mud up to Seaton's on Tuesday, which occasioned a relapse. To accommodate our friend I made application to Mrs Robinson in the absence of husband and sons for oxen to go to Algiers instead of using horses as I had originally intended.

After hunting some time assisted by T. Kent and S., the cattle were found & I was off to Algiers - had harness repaired at J. Harwood's where they had been butchering a light hog. Sylvanus had left the waggon there according to orders - in which was deposited our timber for runners - this was conveyed to Mr Colvin's saw mill. Got Mr C. to look at it - decided that in its present state - would not allow his saw to run through it on acc't of their being at the butt a quantity of earth and stone which might vastly injure the saw - so a log belonging to Barnabas Wood, yellow birch, handsome crook, was put, by Colvin and me upon the stocks & sawed out by the old sawyer Abbott - produced three planks 3 inches thick of which I took one & assisted by my friend Charles Bowker loaded it into the waggon - reached home after dark - or somewhere after sundown - the moon gave light and Hopkins went home alone with the oxen





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Our runner timber was left in the mill yard until another day.  
 C.Bowker was working in wid. Olin's shop for Savage on threshing machines. In passing and repassing the house of Willard Green exchanged a few words on the times, which for himself he thought were hard - with a farm naked of fences - the possession of which was depending on the issue of a lawsuit.  
 Complimented me with the supposition of gaining wealth which I boldly & truly disowned which he accepted as truth, believing me to be "an honest man".  
 Father attended the funeral of Mrs Eldred - Elder Tinkham preached.

THURSDAY, DEC'R 31 During the preceding night a change of weather occurred and the wind blew fresh from N. or from W. or N.W. - grew cold and froze hard at night.  
 Preparation of tackle blocks in the wagg. shed - winnowing & taking in rye constituted the main business. From about or a little more than 40 s'ks obtained 39 bbls grain.  
 Cattle doing well at the stack - Last evening perused "Mustard S'd" author - and this evening Shakespeare's Richard III d.  
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FRIDAY, JAN'Y 1st Ground frozen up sharp & knobby - Pleasant fine day clear sky - thawed some - amazing bad travelling.  
 Threshed oats until noon - ground axes - some timber was hewn - Took Hopkins into the wagg. and drove up Street - called and settled acc'ts with Capt. Waters - who exhibited against me \$5.22 - paid \$5. - promising to hand over the fraction ere long - proceeded to Dr H. Swift's to borrow Doolittle's corn sheller - not at home - lent to J.Brooks - steered to P.Dewey's barn - it was not there - returned to D's house & found it in the loft of his wood house - operated on some of our corn and concluded it would take much strength to put it in motion - that without help it could not be removed, no one present stout enough to do that, therefore came away without it.  
 Bargained a bbl of cider to Mr Tuttle for \$1. payable in one month.  
 At home found cous. G. P. Harwood from the furnace who examined our maps. Mrs P. Waters & daughter Martha visited mother this P.M.  
 In the evening the company of Benj'n Sears, S.W. Southworth, Hen. & Ed Robinson & Mr Coffin who could play the flute. There were the ladies, Mary A., Em. & Lucy Sears, Em Robinson, M.A. & Mary Waters and Sophia Mather.  
 On the evening of December 31st was married Mr Ed. H. Swift to Miss Adeline daughter of the late Nenj'n Fassett Esq of (White) Cambridge N.Y. - Same evening Geo Norton Jun'r to Miss Rosina Robinson - both of Bennington - South part.

SATURDAY, (DEC'R) Fair & thawy - wind S.  
 JAN'Y 2 Thawed up quite muddy again.  
 Loaded 7 bbls corn threshed

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out this morning - and a little cider, with which started off a little past 1 P.M. being previously under the necessity of fixing on an iorn chine hoop to said cask - Unloaded cider at Tuttle's - Drove forward to Algiers - halted at Jac. Lyons' & purchased timber for sled beams - a few rods further met cous. N. L. Robinson & S.W. Daniels returning in good spirits from the mountain expedition, in which they had met with success equal to their expectation.

Deposited grist at the mill - returned accomp'd by Daniels, who had previously put on board his camp equipage, took in 27 ft elm timber at 1 ct pr ft - entered the street - let Sylvanus drive to Swift's store while I made tacks towards the P.O.

Saw Barnabas Wood talking with Turner Hills about a poor drunken man that had within a few months worked for him - afterwards had been in the employment of A. Brown - Wood owed him - The fellow got into a high gale - came to W's in the absence of all the family on Friday - took his oxen and drove them into the woods, confined them in a very uneasy position, left them and I believe was guilty of some other mean acts - to end the matter - the oxen were hunted up & liberated, the man apprehended, committed & afterwards settled with by Wood - and finally cleared for good, promising never to come into the State again.

W. said I must pay him \$1 for the runner timber which I might hand him on some convenient time.

Found nothing at the P. Office - wanted to hear from Mr Brayton.

Transacted some small business at Swift & S's.

Sylvanus bo't 6½ yds twilled cott. on his own acc't - returned home & enjoyed the evening reading Richard 3d.

Mr Mc Kee staid with us.

Paid this morning to Mr Seaton tow'd cow \$1. engaged to take no advantage of him in purchasing obligations against him.

SUNDAY, JAN'Y 3d Handsome weather, chilly air with signs of storm which were bro't to pass in the evening attended with vivid flashes of lightning & loud claps of thunder.

My reading was mostly confined to Gibbon - took time however to examine passages of other history.

Mc K. spent the day with us.

Mr Plumb came over from Hoosack expecting the \$100 which remained due him - did not pay him because





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I had not rec'd it from Brayton & Bennett - He said it was no disapp't to him - only wanted it on Saturday next to attend a vendue. I engaged it by that time if I should receive it - if otherwise he said I need not pay sooner than the term of one month. Father attended public worship at the meeting house. Sylvanus in Algiers accompanied by our Adeline - Orren came home with them.

MONDAY, JAN'Y 4 Cloudy - strong gusts, wind N.W. no frost in the gr'd. Threshed oats with S.W. Daniels - father repaired horse sled - H. Waters went to his job at N. Norton's - McK. to his school.

Sylvanus rode up street and returned with a letter from W. E. Brayton announcing that \$100 was deposited at the B'k for me - which was good news - but he likewise informed me that my cheese did nothold out in weight, and that that was not the worst part of the story his partner had written him that when he sold it there was in one cask two large cheeses which appeared to be rotten and not worth a cent - on that acct had not forwarded the amount of my bill - would endeavor to see me ere long and should be disposed (as he was sure I would) to have it adjusted fairly. The reason why he did not come to Bennington was the bad state of the roads. I sat down immediately and wrote him a reply acknowledging the receipt of his favor of the 2d inst., the main object of which was to let him know that I should leave it altogether to him & his partner how I should fare in regard to the cheese - telling him I suspected the soundness of but one cheese which we thought had a pleas't taste and therefore concluded that it would do well enough. Should endeavor to keep 30 cows the ensuing season and have my cheese made in first rate style without skimming at all - Complimented him with having ever dealt honorably with me.

TUESDAY, JAN'Y 5 Cold - wind blew high from N.W. dry & firmly frozen Thrashing oats and drawing wood was our chief business - Sylvanus was the hero of the latter branch - Had a very anxious wish to get Mr Plumb's money to him. Past noon started to go to the B'k to obtain & carry the same to his residence in Hoosick - Halted at Swift' Son's where saw capt. Ira Hawks & Lorenzo Downs - the former said next day early he should go to Troy and engaged to convey s'd money to Mr Russell's nearest neighbor to Mr Percy. At the bank in his presence the Cashier delivered to me the sum of \$100 which was enclosed in a letter which Mr Raymond folded & sealed with 2 wafers & I entrusted it to the care of capt H. After the disposal of this concern marched to W. Haswell's & rec'd \$14 money from S.

1. The first part of the paper is devoted to a general discussion of the problem. It is shown that the problem is of great importance in the theory of the differential equations of the second order. The problem is to find the general solution of the differential equation

which is a linear differential equation of the second order with constant coefficients. The general solution of this equation is given by the formula

$$y = C_1 e^{\lambda_1 x} + C_2 e^{\lambda_2 x}$$

where  $C_1$  and  $C_2$  are arbitrary constants. The characteristic equation of the differential equation is

$$\lambda^2 + p\lambda + q = 0$$

where  $p$  and  $q$  are the coefficients of the differential equation. The roots of this equation are

$$\lambda_1 = \frac{-p + \sqrt{p^2 - 4q}}{2}, \quad \lambda_2 = \frac{-p - \sqrt{p^2 - 4q}}{2}$$

where  $\sqrt{p^2 - 4q}$  is the discriminant of the characteristic equation. If the discriminant is positive, the roots are real and distinct. If the discriminant is zero, the roots are real and equal. If the discriminant is negative, the roots are complex conjugates.

2. The second part of the paper is devoted to a detailed discussion of the case where the discriminant is positive. In this case, the roots of the characteristic equation are real and distinct. The general solution of the differential equation is given by the formula

$$y = C_1 e^{\lambda_1 x} + C_2 e^{\lambda_2 x}$$

where  $C_1$  and  $C_2$  are arbitrary constants. The particular solution of the differential equation is given by the formula

$$y_p = \frac{1}{\lambda_1 - \lambda_2} (e^{\lambda_1 x} - e^{\lambda_2 x})$$

where  $\lambda_1$  and  $\lambda_2$  are the roots of the characteristic equation. The general solution of the differential equation is the sum of the particular solution and the homogeneous solution.



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Visited the Bookstore - J.S.Rob. was present - and talked some respecting religious affairs - then the conversation happening to turn on Dari us business, gave my opinion in toto against his quitting business here Bo't of Swift & Son Hist. & Descrip. Lessons - School Book for Adeline. Looked into the new treatise on School Keeping which appeared to be use ful. Was charged for Adeline's book 72 cents.

Saw washing machine (patent) at Hicks. Left my letter to W.E.Brayton i in the P. Office.

Also saw & questioned Maj L. Norton respecting damage for his dog kill- ing & wounding 2 sheep so that the last died - demanded but \$1. fifty cents - said he would see me another day. Concluded I should never trouble him again with a 2d solicitation on that subject.

In the evening perused in an old Spectator, N.Y. paper of a few weeks past a description of the Dead Sea & other parts of the Holy Land.

WEDNESDAY, JAN'Y 6 Cold m'g - fair, pleas't followed. H.Waters worked on ox-sled for his friend Ben Sears. Five last spring pigs were butchered and dressed by Mr Geo Robinson & S.W.Dan- iels which altogether weighed lbs 520 - ranging 91 to 130 lbs. Sent Daniels with one that weighed lbs 100 to uncle S.Robinson's - by the same sent to Saff'd Robinson \$2.25 in full for calf skin. In the eve'g rec'd company - Uncle Sam'l - cous. Natth, Emily & Miss Elvira Gleason - uncle S. & Miss G. tarried the night - with the former talked of visiting Woodford. Spent most of the evening in the shed chamber holding light for H.Waters to frame sled by. J.E.Robinson had business here this day with Mr G. Robinson - complimented us very lavishly on the erection our new shed. Thos Kent ret'd from mill with 7 bhls Ind. meal.

THURSDAY, JAN'Y 7 Much as it had been - dry & not very cold - cldy - a few flakes of snow fell. Sled finished - shod by father who received assistance from uncle Sam. after his return from L. Jewett's.

Launched by H. Waters & Daniels who with a spike team draw T.Kent a large load of wood. Waters besides building sled, vut out cross beam in the upper part of the shed, nailed up supporters to a tackle belonging to that apartm't and repaired the N. y'd gate. Sylvanus winnowed oats. T.Kent went to mill for himself & bro't from Chandler the eye of a large gate hinge and a pair of horse clevises & bolts Perused Gibbon a part of the evening.

FRIDAY, JAN'Y 8 The weather much resembled that of Devenber 30th 1828 - cold not so severe - nor wind so high.

Sylvanus was early sent

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away on fatigue cutting timber in co. with cous. N.L. Robinson. H. Waters compleated his employm't here by hanging big gate. Charged for all, the sum due from Sears \$1.25 - Assisted him in conveying his tools as far as the Norton line on his way to his friend Norman's. \$8 Bu coals were removed from the smoke house and deposited in casks. The hamps & chops were suspended for smoking. Oats, of which there were 20 bbls transported from the barn to the granary - excepting 10 bbls reserved to pay cow damage to N. Norton. Perused Gibbon very steadily this evening - article Theodosius the Gr't Rec'd a visit from Mr Geo. Robinson in the evening - agreed to let our oxen go to the drawing of the old Nort'n school house from the old stand to a new place not far from the house of D. Ruttenbur, on the mor' row.

SATURDAY, JAN'Y 9 Severe cold in the morning after a windy night - much more moderate during the day - Gr'd frozen rough & solid.

Between 9 and 10 A.M. started for the G. Mount - called at the oil mill for uncle Sam'l who had not been seen there.

Beyond Elk Barney's saw a smart looking man from Winchester, N. Hamp. who talked of making a coal contract with the F. Company.

After a tiresome walk up a steep and very rough way arrived at the Collins Vabin at the lower edge of Knowlton's coal gr'd - left my loose coat and advanced toward the forest to the E. - met cous. N., Sylvanus & John the Paddy coming to dinner, in which I joined them.

This being over - marched up and took a view of our cousins purchase which I esteemed as valuable as anything could be situated in such a high cold region, with all the docking there must be in transporting the timber down such frightful steepes.

Such timber as had been chopped & xrawn out, and that which they were then working upon, was really handsome.

Left the mount in season to transact some business, Algiers.

Paid \$3.46 cash to Joel Volentine - rec'd my note for said sum. Settled acc't'd with Peck & Norton - who owed me \$4.25, which being deducted from my order of \$7.21 left me in debt \$2.96 - for which signed note on demand - Got home after dark much fatigued - Read 10 pgs of Gibbon. Sylvanus arrived about 1 hour later than I did.

Dr S. (Noadiah) paid mother a visit, professional, very sociable, sold father a pair of leath. mittens for 2/0 - spoke of selling Boston shoes very low.

Bro't an unfavorable acc't of our old friend Justin Martindale - The doct. had very recently visited Boston. For order on Norton see Nov 17 1829.

SUNDAY, JAN'Y 10 Snowed bravely from the S. early in the day but during the remainder it rained most of the time pretty powerfully.

The first part of the paper is devoted to a discussion of the general principles of the theory of the structure of the atom. It is shown that the structure of the atom is determined by the laws of quantum mechanics, and that the laws of quantum mechanics are determined by the laws of the special theory of relativity. The second part of the paper is devoted to a discussion of the structure of the nucleus. It is shown that the structure of the nucleus is determined by the laws of quantum mechanics, and that the laws of quantum mechanics are determined by the laws of the special theory of relativity.

The third part of the paper is devoted to a discussion of the structure of the molecule. It is shown that the structure of the molecule is determined by the laws of quantum mechanics, and that the laws of quantum mechanics are determined by the laws of the special theory of relativity. The fourth part of the paper is devoted to a discussion of the structure of the crystal. It is shown that the structure of the crystal is determined by the laws of quantum mechanics, and that the laws of quantum mechanics are determined by the laws of the special theory of relativity.

The fifth part of the paper is devoted to a discussion of the structure of the solid. It is shown that the structure of the solid is determined by the laws of quantum mechanics, and that the laws of quantum mechanics are determined by the laws of the special theory of relativity. The sixth part of the paper is devoted to a discussion of the structure of the liquid. It is shown that the structure of the liquid is determined by the laws of quantum mechanics, and that the laws of quantum mechanics are determined by the laws of the special theory of relativity.

The seventh part of the paper is devoted to a discussion of the structure of the gas. It is shown that the structure of the gas is determined by the laws of quantum mechanics, and that the laws of quantum mechanics are determined by the laws of the special theory of relativity.



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Time chiefly taken up in writing - Too stormy to admit of going to church.

MONDAY, JAN'Y 11 Weather since the 10th changed - the wind had got round N.W. - a little snow was the result, along with sharp air. Sylvanus drew wood with oxen & new sled - father shod the horse sled. I threshed 100 sheaves rye, and gave my note to Wm Seaton for the sum of \$7. due three months from the first inst, being the balance due for cow. Lent cous. N.L.R. the bay horse to go to N. Adams

TUESDAY, JAN'Y 12 Pretty close solid winter weather. Drawing wood & threshing rye went forward vigorously. My father this day entered his 69th year - Mother was 64 on the 5th. The pages of Gibbon gave me pleas'temploy'm't during these long eve'gs. The period under consideration was the time between the death of Theodosius and the taking of Rome by Alaric, A.D. 410. This eve'g it snowed lightly. Rec'd the company of Mr Kendrick and the Misses Caroline, Delia and Mary Waters - the flute was sounded, accompanied vocally by Diadamia.

WEDNESDAY, JAN'Y 13 S. wind blew up smartly - Finished off threshing entirely for the season - winnowed and measured up 23 bhls rye - Borrowed bags & hayknife of Mr Robinson - had some trouble in getting in the rye. Sylvanus having drawn wood during the day rode up street in the old cutter with Damia who deposited in the P. O. a long letter to Mrs Ashley of Russell, N.Y. - returned on foot - the running part of the cutter made in 1815 by Joseph Watson broke down and was left in H. Waters' yard. Married this eve'g at D. Clark's Esq Mr Hiram Harwood the son of-Perey Perez H. Esq to Miss Eliza Haswell daughter of the late Anthony Haswell Esq by his 2d wife - Former aged      years and the latter      . W.S. Southworth paid a short visit here this eve'g.

THURSDAY, JAN'Y 14 Moderate & hazy - thawed some, w'd S. the stack of hay built on the clover gr'd S. mead. broached some weeks since lasted until the 13th at night - excellent hay - cattle fared well upon it. Sylvanus continued drawing wood - father made an end of cleaning gr'd at the barn & performed other business. I rode out with my lady in the 1 h. wagg. - deliv'd 10 bhls oats to N. Norton as pay in full for cow damage - see Nov. 23d - Saw Mrs L. Safford formerly Miss Lydia Norton who enquired after the welfare of our family generally and that of Damia in particular. Saw H. Blackmer the Collec'r - Tax against B. Harwood \$12.96 - H. Harwood 90 cents - total \$13.86. Proceeded to Algiers - wife visited at J. Rog's - I went to M. Ayers to





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pay borrowed fresh pork - Called at Jac Lyons' and paid in full for timber 27 cents - saw there Abbott the old sawyer, Moore the cooper and others. Went to the shop of James Harwood or rather John H. rec'd a part of his kit with an assurance of his coming to work for us on Monday next without fail - next made inquiry at the grist mill whether they could grind corn in the ear - rec'd for answer that that dep't of the establishm't was not in order, nor would it be until the expiration of a weeks time - halted at Norton's store and adjusted business with fr'd John respecting cider brandy which after deducting for mistakes in my acc't of cider - G's 110 - (reckoned over twice) gave up my first demand and rec'd another for G's 127 and 3 pints brandy - to be delivered on the morrow.

Called at J.Rog's - spent a few moments there during which our cous. Henry Parsons of Hoosack came in - bro't no bad news from Hoosack. We came up into the central village - went to the Oyster man's next McEowens borrowed a two q't pail and procured 1/0 Y'k's worth Oysters - did business with who officiated in the man's stead - Saw E. Montague and somebody else there - Returned to Dr Swift's store and there bo't a very useful piece of furniture - white - accommodated with a lid - price 50 cents on book - Saw John Hicks.

In the evening cous. Henry Parsons from Alg. Early in the evening amused myself by relating over some of the principal events of Hist. which I had lately been reading to the folks in the other room - afterwards read more of Gibbon. Looked at maps and perused the Gazeteer E. Cont'd.

FRIDAY, JAN'Y 15 Very mild and pleasant - thawed slowly - there was a thin covering of snow on the ground which in some parts made decent sleighing, and it answered well for sledding where the hills descended, like ours, the same way the wood was required to be drawn. Sylvanus pursued the business assigned him on Monday, vigorously - assisted by my father. I accomp'd cous. Hen Parsons to the house of Dr F. Johnson, to see that gentleman concerning a demand against him in favor of John Chase, Hoosack, N.Y. originally given to a Mr Twiss, dated at Arlington, Vt., Apl 24 1827 - \$70 - due one y'r from date - a part had been paid, leaving due at this time something like \$44.00 Found Pete Green and a youngster in the barn threshing rye. Enquired for our friend and learned that he had just started off to get a load of wood on the coal ground over against Mr Grangers, would be back again possibly within about an hour - So we concluded on waiting awhile - walked in and took seats - viewed maps drawn by the Dr while young - at Hill's school in Mahchester, Vt - Saw Mrs J. & her three sons - smart looking little fellows aged 4 months up to about 7 years. We became uneasy & concluded to follow the doct. - crossed over to the E. road near Mr Hurd saw Lorenzo Downs and took some direction from him where to go - Kept down that road to the School house - turned E. crossing the bridge by Bushnell's G. mill - continued over route up by Barnabas Woods and so through the lots & woods and some distance





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up the colliers clearing, but feeling as if it was throwing away our pains to go further, thought we would retire by a little different route from that which we had taken going up - came by a house of rather meagre appearance, out of which issued a stout pretty healthy looking woman of from 30 to 35 - to fetch water from a neighboring spring - saw father Granger from whom more particulars were gathered respecting the doctor's business up the mountain which made us think of returning to B Wood's and there await his return - but on getting thus far and seeing Inson Wood on a loaded wagg. with wood for market, of whom further inquiry was made - we deemed it of no use to stay there in suspense - Leaving one dollar in Bennington money to pay for sled runner's plank rec'd of B. Wood, with his wife, in the presence of another lady whom I did not know, shaped our course up Wood's steep hill and took to the pastures across to Mr E. Pool's where I was informed of his determination to occupy the Harmon Dairy establishm't - so of course his sister would not engage in our service. Mr P. was on his seat making shoes for the family - Our tarry was short - Mr P. told me he had 3 cows which he would dispose of in the ensuing spring. We put across by Smith's, soon reached home, finding ourselves pretty well worn down. Cous. Henry left the doct's note with me, I agreed to write him to come & see me, & waht ever I could draw from him either in money or words, to forward the substance thereof by mail to S. Parsons Esq. Our cous. after supper, notwithstanding our solicitations to the contrary, his business being urgent, departed on foot for home. To wind up this day's employment rode in the cart with Sylvanus to J. & N. Norton's Distillery & there rec 127 g's & 3 pts brandy in high wines chiefly, ie excepting  $2\frac{1}{2}$  gallons reduced - the whole occupying but about 91 gallons, which in ~~the~~ the eve'g was pumped into and filled the hhd in which was stored the brandy rec' Nov 16 at P. & S. Dewey's - 119 G's high wines, which according to the strength in which it was deliv'd us would make reduced about 164 G's. Nort's was said to take water - 1 to  $2\frac{1}{2}$  - Dewey's 1 to 4. Devoted remainder of the evening to reading Gibbon.

SATURDAY, JAN'Y 16 Cloudy & moderate - misted some in the P.M. from the N., their mud on a solid bottom. Five or six good loads of wood were drawn by Sylvanus assisted by father - In helping unload had a finger slightly wounded. Returned bbls & pump to Sibley at the Distillery - bro't home a stray sheep from Fay's - a meal bag from N. Norton's - Norman getting better - they were mixing mortar for plastering his new shop room. P.M. visited town. Returned 7 V. of Shaksp'r at Hall's office where conversed sometime with friend W.S. Southworth - Saw Sec. of Navy's Report forwarded by Rep. Hunt in which there were letters





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recommending the use of cotton instead of linen duck in the U.S. Navy. Mr H. was absent in Pownal. Visited the Hill - rec'd a Utica paper at Clark's in which was the Gov's Message to the Leg. of N.Y. at the commencement of the session - Jan 5 - good - but mortal long. Had previously borrowed the American at Hall's - had returned what was borrowed of the Oysterman - Returned down street - Waited while Dr Swift finished his meal, after which he shewed me the fine pig he bo't of us Dec. 5 which had grown masterly indeed. Rec'd box pills for mother and a tin dish bo't of Deming for 10 cts cr. & left the store. Seeing Libeus Barney & being run low for money spoke with him upon the subject - "Ah" said he "I do not want to see you" - "Why", I replied - "Because I have lied to you". He satisfactorily explained the difficulties which had prevented his paying me as he had engaged some days since - But if he didn't pay me by Tuesday or Wednesday next, on one of which days he expected to receive a considerable sum, I might sue him - told him I should never do that, but wait patiently until final paym't. Our conference was held near Blackmer's store in the most friendly & familiar style.

Must not omit mentioning cous. Annis Stone's letter dated Lockport, Dec 20 1829 - rec'd this eve'g at the P.O. in which she was very sentimental and intelligent - indeed we were sincerely and devoutly pleased with it. Saw & conversed a few moments with cous. N.L. Robinson who was returning from our house where he had been to return the horse lent him on the 11th inst. We talked of the Woodford lumber business and of timber for building ~~stae~~ block-sleds &c.

SUNDAY, JAN'Y 17 Wind mainly N. - snowed rather lightly P.M. Cold increased. Read most of the 2 first Chapt's of St Mathew - Blair's remarks on Ancient & Modern Authors - Gibbon - wrote Journal - and perused Bigland's View of Roman Hist. down to the irruption of the Barbarians in the 5th Century. H. Waters & Mr Mc Kee spent most of the day with us. Sylvanus rode home & on his return paid B. Ayers a visit, leaving a line from me requesting him to go with Sylvanus & N.L. Robinson on to the G. Mount. on Wed. next. Father, Lydia, Diadania and Hopkins attended public worship. The remains of Mrs Walbridge the partner of Mr Silas W. Sen were this day interred.

MONDAY, JAN'Y 18 Frozen up solid - Very cold - wind N. Drawing wood with 2 teams all day employed us. Snow very thin. B. Ayres came this way to get a load of wood from gen'l Rob's woods - said he would comply with my request. Read Alaric's Sack of Rome A.D. 410.

TUESDAY, JAN'Y 19 Very chilly S. wind - fair, grew hazy late P.M. Same business again. Sylvanus having draw 2 heavy lds for B. Har'd drew 1 for Tho's Kent to whom we lent our small box stove until Spring. Sylvanus prepared himself for Woodford in provision, hay & corn.





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WEDNESDAY, JAN'Y 20 Snowed some during night & this day there were frequent and furious showers of snow, first from the S. & tow'd night from N.W. - grew cold. Drew 4 loads wood from the E. side of the grove - Had trouble in losing and finding whip - also in starting horses after halting. Father visited T. Hendryx to have pantaloons cut out - and assisted some in loading & unloading wood. Sylvanus furnished in pretty good style for the expedition, started early with oxen & sled for Woodford. Perused Gibbon & newspapers in the evening. Late Mr Mc Kee returned from Debating Society and tarried the night. James Harwood commenced making shoes here.

THURSDAY, JAN'Y 21 High winds - cold from N.W. snow flying. Sky chequered with clouds - Three lds wood nearly completed our pike which now contained about 25 cords. Uncle Sam'l & aunt Sarah with cous. Amanda paid us a short visit. Rec'd this day \$5.62 $\frac{1}{2}$  from Libeus Barney in full for calves - 0/9 being paid tow'd int - See May 16 - Before sunset visited N. Norton's - found him much recovered from illness - procured one of our grain bags - the other he promised to send home the next day. At Maj. Luman's saw Esq Bates in good standing. Borrowed papers up to Jan 15. Wrote pr Mr Barney a letter to Dr F. Johnson requesting an interview on the Hoosick note - Saw T. Hendryx and engaged to pay him cash \$1.50 in full for work executed by him since our last settlement up to the 19th inst & to let him have 1 cheese for which would receive pay in his work.

FRIDAY, JAN'Y 22 Unpleas't - very chilly S. wind - snowed some - wind changed to N.W. - really cold at night. Seven bhls corn was threshed out - tackle rope spliced &c Too stormy to undertake much business abroad. Last evening an exhibition of some notoriety was performed at Elder Matteson's Church, Shaftsbury. Mr McKee attended - proceeded (next) this day to his father's, Arlington

SATURDAY, JAN'Y 23 Severely cold indeed, sharp piercing dry N.W. wind. Should pronounce it the coldest of any day the present season.

Spent the forenoon preparing the horse sled for going to mill - P.M. drove to Walbridge's - left 8 bhls rye there, or about that am't. Returned to uncle Sam's - made a short tarry - dined - saw Anthony J. Haswell - Got Edwin to come home with me - Mr Clark had made no arrangement about the paper - cous. E. thought of going to Troy or to N.Y. to get into business. Rec'd timber for sled beams of uncle S. who had already let us have crooks for a bob sled.





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halted to buy oysters, but the man was not within, endeavored to hunt him up, but failed - made another stop at Swift & Son's, bo't 6" worth pap. tobac. charged - called at T. Hendryx's and paid cash \$1.50 as promised on the 21st.

Deliv'd him on my way to Walbridge's 26 $\frac{3}{4}$  lbs cheese which was to go at 8 cts pr lb if he should esteem good enough to bear s'd price. In the eve'g read papers mostly. Cous. N.L. Rob. & Sylvanus returned from the mountain without having met with any very serious damage more than laming one of the oxen of the former. Anthony Hathaway on the part of the former & B. Ayres on our part were assistants. Mr H. left the mountain on Friday evening. James Harwood went home late in the day. H. Waters here this evening.

SUNDAY, JAN'Y 24 Firm, real frozen winter weather - there was a prospect of having more snow - w'd N. For want of suitable accommodation for writing riding & the severity of the weather in the bargain, no one from this establish't visited church. Cous Edwin left in season to be there & H. Waters was with us excepting his visit to N. Norton's. Books, maps & writing Jour'l as usual occupied my attention. Sylvanus accomp'd his brother Oren to his father's, Pow'l. Lent to Oren Dan's the bay horse to drive as leader to Troy in a spike team.

MONDAY, JAN'Y 25 Severely tempestuous during several hours of the day - from S.E. or N.E. a small supply of snow was added to the thin coat on hand - became warmer & more calm early in the evening - afterwards wind hauled round N.W. - cold increased rapidly - Sylvanus was sent to Walbridge's mill - obtained grist & bo't 3 qts w. must'd seed for which I paid 50 cts. I was with him to the printing office. Walked to the old Nelson house to enquire for Miss Betsey Nelson - Mr Sibley said she was at Kelly's - Left S. on his shoe-makers seat - proceeded to K's - talked sometime - Mr Harmon came in - paid due attention to him - answered all his enquiries - Mr K. complained of bad health - recommended to him the use of white mustard seed. Conversated with Miss Nelson whom I found totally averse to an engagement in the dairy line - wanted to visit her sister at the West - So I gave up suit there and took a bee line for Court House Hill. Visited printing office where found Merrill and Clark in some agitation respecting a piece in the Burlington Free Press - published by Foote & Stacy, the latter having formerly belonged to the office of the Vt Gazette - glorying in the downfall of s'd establishm't. M. went to writing a reply to it and C. said he should issue one more Numb. of the Gazette. Saw W. Haswell & Solo. who were disputing a little in regard to some bad writing paper. Bo't of D. Clark his Map of N. Hampshire which being at \$3.00 gave up Col Merrill's note on which there was due \$2. - the other Darius charged on book - Bo't 61 cts worth goods of S & S & came home.





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Capt L. Sheerwood in my absence paid my father a visit. Made some inquiry respecting Dr N. Swift's farm which he talked some of buying. Our friend Harwood was absent from his seat this day

TUESDAY, JAN'Y 26 Severely cold - w'd N. Not much going on at home. Sylvanus visited the mountain & returned with a l'd of timber on a bobsled borrowed of G. Robinson. Visited Algiers with the bay nare shoes were set by H. Norton - price 40 cts - The mare was put before the ozeb to assist in drawing home Sylvanus' load. Visited the Norton's store where saw Jas Hubbell Esq., Wager & J. Purdy, John & J. B. Norton. Had to be punished for forgetfulness in borrowing a whiffletree of capt. Chace. Coming up to the meeting house rode in Gid Chace's House's sleigh in which was seated his father & Jed Dewey. At Swift & Son's bo't 3 h. saw files and a saw-set for forty cts Cr. Saw G Potter & Sam Duncan from Pownal - requested visits from them - Go Got home in the evening - didn't read much. Must mention a visit from the Rev. D. A. Clark about mid day - conversed, sang a Hymn, & prayed - Drove hence on a route S. & East. Mrs P. Waters paid her respects here Saw her husband at home who said he'd endeavor to get some money for me by the first of March.

WEDNESDAY, JAN'Y 27 The wind blew must cruelly from the S. or SW or SE and P.M. the snow fell & blew like shot. We worked at the woodpile when not too tedious. Mr Robinson came over on special business with his swinish property. Our friend Jas Harwood did make hi his appearance here this day.

THURSDAY, JAN'Y 28 Very cold - wind N.W. Business much as it had been Sylvanus bro't another load of timber from the Mt'n

FRIDAY, JAN'Y 29 Very blue cldy - there blew a most cutting breeze from the south

Business again like what it was on the 28th - another load timber from the mountain. I visited the Street. Attended the funeral of Mrs Alice Young, wife of Erastus Y. of Albany, N.Y. & eldest daughter of the late W. Griswold who formerly kept the brick house tavern - died in the 44th 45th year of her age. She had parted with Mr Y. some months since. Mr Clark's Discourse was quite appropriate - Do not recollect in what part of Job he took his text. The funeral was not numerous, but very respectable. H. Waters accompanied me to the Sanctuary where perhaps we might have been considered strangers. After service went to Swift's store - bo't a few light articles. Visited the office of U. M. Robinson Saw Judge Stephen who said a Count's House Almanac was all that he had made use of for ever so many years -





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Returned to Swift's with E. Carcenter in his sled sleigh from Hicks' where he purchased a 2d hand saddle for \$5. to be paid in wood at \$2 pr cord - time not specified - Got vest & pantaloons cut at Hendryx's Visited Swift's with H. Waters who bo't a handsome piece cott. sheeting price 11 cts. Carpenter let W. & me ride with him to the head of our lane. C. then drove at full gallop till out of sight. H. Waters agreed to build us a bob-sled on the morrow.

SATURDAY, JAN'Y 30 A furious & awful cold breeze of wind from N.W. prevailed incessantly almost the whole day, certainly the coldest weather experienced the pres't swason. H. Waters came late A.M. commenced building and compleated a bob sled and wound up with a jumper assisted by S.W. Daniels. Father was partially ill. O.W. Daniels bro't home the bay horse on Friday evening after using him two trips to Troy - thought he should like to obtain him again on condition that he should pay in teaming. Dan's went from here this morning - Said he meant to go to Troy again on Monday - Wrote two letters of this date, the one to O. & A. Arnold, the other to cous. S. Robinson Jr - mainly to inquire how I could dispose of our brandy. Also under date of the 28th wrote W.E. Brayton Esq, N. Adams, Ms., requesting him to inquire for dairy maid who would be qualified to manage ~~of~~ a dairy of 30 cows, spin & weave - stated affairs pretty favorably - wanted the terms by first of March.

In spite of the keen severity of the weather walked to the shop of G.F. Childs - saw the proprietor and his brother Wm who in 1820 boarded with us while one of J. Rog's journeymen shoemakers - was married in May 1829 raised in Wilmington, Vt. - invited him to pay us a visit - aged between 26 & 27, Bo't ball shoethr'd & paid 10 cts for it. Visited printing office - read conclusion of Gibbon's Life, sometime in 1794 - found Atlas repaired - rec'd Gazette of Jan 12" in which a pretty smart reply was made to Foote & Stacy - Burlington, Vt. Left & came to the Bank where my business was unimportant - E. Montague came in just as I came away - Visited Swift's - staid sometime - bo't three Shaker brooms at 26" on book - paid 5 cts for 1/2 oz wafers & came home in season to assist in taking of creatures at the barn. Cous. George arrived from the Furnace Gr'd which he had left for good unless he should think of returning in Summer again. James Harwood left on Friday eve - intending to finish job NEXT WEEK.

SUNDAY, (FEB.) Jan'y Hazy - cold - commenced snowing in the evening  
31st Read & wrote as usual - Rec'd a friendly visit from Dr F. Johnston shoeing at the end of about 30 days he would pay up Mr Chace's note. H. Waters & Mc Kee paid us a visit - Likewise N. L. Robinson.





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MONDAY, FEB'Y 1      Snowed finely until past noon & what was remarkable in this country the wind did not disturb the snow after its fall. H.Waters, G.P.Harwood and Mc Kee butchered 3 cats - the largest of which was a fine heavy, well disposed Maltese Tom whose accomplishments were rather superior to the common fry of cats. Sylvanus drove the horse sled with School master & scholars to the school house - afterwards the bob sled of G. Robinson - B.Harwood's sleigh, destitute of box, and the new jumper being attached to our establishment, with Waters, cous. G.P. & Daniels rode to town. Had business at Swift & S's, where Sylvanus bo't a fine whip wound with brass wire for \$1.67" on cred. Accomp'd cous. George to Dr H.Swift's to see if he wanted to hire a hand the ensuing season - he was not at home - visited Gov. Tichenor on the same business - rec'd rather a favorable reply - thought he should be able to say for certain with in a fortnight. At Swift's had my book examined and bro't to agree with theirs up to this date. Left sleigh tombe shod in part at Col. Norton's - Bro't away Atlas repaired in part by Sol C. at the printing office. Evening a ride in the same vehicle mentioned above was taken to Algiers by Diadamia, Sally, Adeline, Hopkins, myself and S.W.Daniels - a bill of goods was bo't at S. & S's amounting to \$2.63 on book - nearly the while for Diadamia - Left at the house of Miss Thompson, pantaloons & vest to be made for me - paid 1 bhl apples in advance - Visited Capt Jacob Safford's & transacted some business with O.W.Daniels - Tried to see Mr Barber, but he was sick - visited shops and stores which occasioned some trouble to our friends to find me - They did find me and we came home in good season. A letter was this day deposited in the P. Office to Seth Parsons Esq giving a good account of the credit of Doct F. Johnson. Requested Mr Chace if agreeable to let me the money expected from Dr J. at 6 pr ct.

TUESDAY, FEB'Y 2      Pleas't - Snow by level - from 15 to 18 inches deep  
Sylvanus was sent with team to the mountain - ret'd with a handsome load of timber. Partially busy at wood. Cous G.P. bro't water from the brook and pounded clotheses for Diadamia. Paid yesterday \$3. to F.Blackmer towards taxes - Attended to reading in the evening.

WEDNESDAY, FEB'Y 3      Quite pleas't, particularly in the early part - was afraid the snow would go off - came round cold in the evening and snowed a little. Sylvanus drew another l'd of timber. Business the same at home - Hames Harwood resumed his seat.





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In the evening a very friendly visit was paid to our uncle Sam Rob. and family - most of whom were at home - none absent excepting cous. U.M. & Sam'l Jun'r - The wood sled was again launched. Besides Sylvanus, H. Harwood lady and 2 sisters, H. Waters formed one of the company - and not to forget a good relative, must add cous. Geo P. who tarried over night.

THURSDAY, FEB'Y 4 Cold, some snow flying. Tolerably pleas't. Sylvanus dragged another load timber from the Mount - Worked at wood by halves. Late in the morning we entertained 3 young men, cousins from the N. Two being the sons of ~~3d~~ Asa and the 3rd the son of Daniel Squires, Rutland Co., P.M. rode with those young men as far as N. Norton's, they being bound to Lanesboro, Ms. At wid. N8s spent a few mom'ts conversing with her and her children, Lydia Safford & fri'nd Norm - played drily a few tunes on the violin - visited the shop of L. Nort. Esq and heard the school master rated very low by neighbor J. Morton, whose daughter Emily he had seen fit to punish. B. Ayres drew a load of wood past here. O.W. Daniels bro't me a letter from Messrs Arnold's, Troy, in which they proposed to take our brandy in store until Spring when they would ship in N.Y. & sell it as well as they could. Thought it would probably sell from 27 to 30 cents - Rec'd a visit from our neighbor Mr G. Robinson this evening.

FRIDAY, FEB'Y 5 Very cold - high blustering wind from N.W. Two lds timber were drawn from the mountain by cous. Geo P. & Sylvanus Daniels - by means of Mr Robinson's oxen and sled - I walked to Mr L. Sherwood's edge of Hoosick - visited the school of Luman Sherwood - thought they performed in the various branches as well as could be expected from scholars of their age and opportunity. With Mr S. had a short but good visit at his house after his return from Whip Stock Hill where he had been chopping for his son Loean to draw - Talked some respecting the Dr Swift farm which he contemplated buying - Gave me a short account of his Life - his father was originally from Fairfield, Connect. - last from Dutchess Co., N.Y. - wint of 1785 - with his family - The old gent died in 1788 - left but a small estate which formed the foundation of the property of himself and brother Aaron, now enjoyed by them - Supped - Looked at the cattle & swine which were in fine condition and came home after halting at the store of Swift & Son a mom't. I failed in the main design which was to hire a sum of money of Mr Sherw(d - was expecting to purchase a farm - therefore could let no money - James Harwood left us this morning - made out a bill of shoe mak'g \$5. - whipstocks 45 cts, filing saw 6 cts, total \$5.51 - help to be paid first of April if wanted. H. Waters & Damia rode to Hoosick in jumper. Heard the death of Joel Harrington - fine young man.





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SATURDAY, FEB'Y 6 Most pinchingly cold - it was of the gr't sort -  
at the same time very fair.

Our boys visited the mountain and bro't off the usual quantity of round timber - at Weeks' placed one sled behind the other and piled their loads together - doubled teams in front and in such imposing style travelled home, exciting the wonder and astonishment of all Algiers and as many gazers as had opportunity of seeing them.

Cous. Geo. had the misfortune to get frost bitten in the toes of the right foot & the right ear.

Accomp'd H. Waters up Street before noon.

At S, & S'S bo't 2 pap's pins - Dutch - 25" charged.

At Col Norton's rec'd 3 logging dogs - price 63 cts - price of fixing sleigh \$1.50 and the price at which they had put my cider, one bbl, delivered by N.L. Robinson last fall - was 75 cents.

Bo't 3 pints Oysters for 45 cts - had lately raised their price from 25 to 30" pr q't.

Visited the Printing Office where Nathan Cushman and Salem White were getting papers drawn by Col Merrill - the former having leased his Elijah Robinson farm to White for 5 years.

Produced a pistareen piece having the appearance of a quarter of a doll which Will Daniels rec'd in change of Stebbins Walbridge when he bo't the mustard s'd Jan 25 - which Mr W. took again and like a gent. handed me a regular quarter in its stead. Young S. was with him and they rec' of D. Clark a qusntity of hemlock boards at \$6. pr thousand.

Now made tow'd home - rec'd 20 copies of "John Robbins the Sailor" - to distribute in our District.

Called at the Post O. - played the flute roughly a few mouths for y'g Merrill & others - he & another could play tolerably well.

At Swift's say, I think, 9 cutters, if I mistake not, full of gent's & ladies of the Pioneer Line in fine style, well strung with bells - start on a ride to Cambridge, N.Y.

Halted at H. Waetr's shop a mom't - came home - took some coarse refreshm't and devoted the remainder of the day to visit'g the school of Mr McKee which though not numerous appeared to good advantage - order & regularity seemed to prevail - saw nothing but that the school was going on well.

H. Waters was again with us this evening - his niece Miss Prudence Brown of Jackson, N.Y. being here on a visit.

The copies of J. Robbins were mostly distributed this P.M. among the Scholars agreeable to Mr N's request.

1. The first part of the paper discusses the importance of maintaining accurate records of all transactions. It emphasizes that proper record-keeping is essential for the success of any business or organization. The author argues that without reliable records, it is impossible to make informed decisions or to track progress over time.

2. The second part of the paper focuses on the challenges of record-keeping in a digital age. While technology offers many advantages, it also introduces new risks, such as data loss and security breaches. The author suggests that organizations should implement robust backup and security protocols to mitigate these risks.

3. The third part of the paper explores the role of record-keeping in legal and regulatory compliance. It notes that many industries are subject to strict regulations that require the maintenance of detailed records. Failure to comply with these requirements can result in significant fines and legal consequences.

4. The fourth part of the paper discusses the importance of record-keeping in financial management. It explains that accurate records are necessary for preparing financial statements, budgeting, and forecasting. The author also mentions that good record-keeping can help identify areas of inefficiency and opportunities for cost savings.

5. The fifth part of the paper addresses the issue of record-keeping in human resources management. It highlights the need for organizations to maintain accurate records of employee information, including hiring, training, and performance. This information is crucial for making strategic decisions about the workforce.

6. The sixth part of the paper discusses the importance of record-keeping in research and development. It notes that researchers often need to maintain detailed records of their experiments, observations, and findings. These records are essential for replicating results and for sharing knowledge with the scientific community.

7. The seventh part of the paper discusses the importance of record-keeping in project management. It explains that project managers need to maintain accurate records of project progress, budget, and risks. This information is crucial for ensuring that projects are completed on time and within budget.

8. The eighth part of the paper discusses the importance of record-keeping in marketing and sales. It notes that marketers need to maintain accurate records of their campaigns, leads, and sales. This information is essential for evaluating the effectiveness of marketing efforts and for making data-driven decisions.

9. The ninth part of the paper discusses the importance of record-keeping in customer service. It explains that customer service representatives need to maintain accurate records of customer interactions, complaints, and feedback. This information is crucial for improving customer satisfaction and loyalty.

10. The tenth part of the paper discusses the importance of record-keeping in general business operations. It notes that all businesses, regardless of size or industry, need to maintain accurate records of their activities. This information is essential for making informed decisions and for ensuring the long-term success of the organization.



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SUNDAY, FEB'Y 7 A most severe morning, very cold all day. Employed in the usual way - read history. H. Waters obliged with his company. Miss Prudence Brown continued her visit, her singing highly pleased us. Sylvanus & his brother Orren visited their father's in Pownal - On their return the former took horses & sleigh & drove to Mr Judd's, Shirkshire, and waited upon old Mrs Waters to our house where she spent the night. For H. atrrs wrote a billet to David Wilcox to inform him upon what terms the former would undertake to build a house for the latter. I think the offer was to have all materials furnished - timber ready hewn, sashes made & glass set - to do the job on those conditions, \$175.00

MONSAY, FEB'Y 8 Clear, very keen air, wind N.W. S. Thayer Jr came to see us to know if we wished to purchase shingles - the answer was in the negative - Rode up street with that man - Sylvanus with oxen, horses & sled drew off fluxing stone for Mr Robinson., to the furnace from below G. House's - two tons - let this service go to pay for use of R's oxen drawing lumber. My time was spent mostly at H. Waters shop. H. Waters built a short lumber box to our sleigh. Bo't old nails & 3 gimblets at Doct Swift's - 24". Rec'd of E.H. Swift \$16. to buy oil cloth carpet at the Factory, Lansingburgh - bill to be made out in his name. Had irons to sleigh enough to am't to 50 cts at Chandler's. Cous George returned at night with me & H. Waters.

TUESDAY, FEB'Y 9 Cold, solid freezing weather wind N.W. in the PM turned to the S. Cold moderated a little. Being assisted by H. Waters & S.W. Daniels started in good season for Troy. Baited at Geo Snyder's - they had some company - Saw Mr S's handsome dog - As we approached Lansingburgh saw many gay belles & beaux riding in elegant sleighs & cutters drawn by fine horses. At O.C. Carpenting factory got a roll of carpeting containing 8-2/3 yds which according to the bill drawn by the widow of the late owner, amounted to \$15.15. She related to me the circumstances of her husband's death in June last which were most shocking. I have only time to write that in making karnish, his clothes took fire & in 2 seconds he was dreadfully burnt as to occasion his death 22 hours afterwards. Arrived at Troy in good season, deliv'd my hhd cid. brandy in good order to O. & Arnold's, to be shipped by them to N. York & sold to the best advantage, according to what it should rate there. Bo't of Scotchman at the upper mill 1/2 ton French Plaster which he called better than Novascotia - paid 4 dollars in full to the man - Bo't sack fine salt 2-1/0 on cr. - tea & sugar to make out a bill of \$6.22. Put up at Lewis' where saw Mr Daniel Fuller of Bennington. In the evening walked up & down the town - bo't of Powelson 7-1/2 lbs cott batts - paid 90 cts in full including sack. Endeavored to buy a blank book - but they asked so high that I would not trade





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Cous. S. Robinson Jr accidentally found us & invited us to tarry with him - gave direction where to find his dwelling. Went with cous. Geo. to a store on the corner of Cong. & River St's where he saw his friend Readington - I bo't of W.S.Parker a pair of dividers - 3/0 - & 1 pap ink - paid - for which paid 50" - J.M.Wells was present - Consid'd Mr P's price too high - felt too much in haste to look farther. Retired to cous. Sam's - soon after the bells commenced ringing an alarm of fire - the citizens ran to & fro - but it proved to be false or almost so - only a chimney that was fired - soon extinguished. We had a quiet night's rest.

WED. FEB'Y 10 The morning was fair early - but the wind soon commenced blowing most violently - drifted the snow in many places very considerably - the violence of the wind was great indeed in the latter part of the day - Cous. G. last evening bo't him a new fur hat - price \$3. Left Troy in pretty good time - Baited at Wads. - saw much company there - came through and arrived here by a little past sunset. Young Sibley had a heavy load, but drove past us several times and we in our turn passed him as often at the taverns at which he stopped. Mr McKee informed us that they had to send out assistance to those teams in the W. part of Bennington where they were weather bound. We were apprehensive of losing our snow.

TUESDAY, FEB'Y 11 Rained a little during the night - a sudden change of weather took place - grew cold amazingly rapid - the fury of the N.W. wind by night became terrible & a most awful cold night followed. Sent cous. G.P.Harwood with Rob's oxen & bob sled to assist Sylvanus in the lumbering business beyond Weeks'. After unloading plaster conveyed provision, hay, corn & cider to W's for the use of our boys - arrived there past noon - the boys before I got there were obliged to call for something in the provision line. Saw uncle S. Rob. uncle David Weeks, Mr Joel Rice, the last was lumbering for cous. N.L.R. Uncle S. assisted a Mr Childs in getting off with a l'd of flour in a short sleigh box - had difficulty in starting his horses. I tied my horses to the hasp of the double doors of the wagg. house - they pulled to get away and broke one of the doors - told the barkeeper it should be settled for in footing my bill. Sam Rockwood and his brother were drawing logs on their own acc't. Was told of the death of Moses Crowfoot by intemperance as was supposed - aged about 38 - On returning home called at Dr Swift's - was introduced to his brother Samuel to whom many years since I had been to school. Had a haze about scarcity of butter

FRIDAY, FEB'Y 12 Very cold morning - grew more mild as the sun came up - cloudy & frosty in the P.M. P'd a visit to our friend Horace Dimmick and family - had wife and children with me. Made final settlement on note for mare which amounted to \$5.79 and young Abel D. agreed to deliver hemlock boards and planks to that am't at \$6 per thous'd.

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We came away a little after dark - had to cross the fields between the Capt Barney house occupied by B. Green, and Levi Jewett's corn house on the Fuller road - had to come thus far on foot. Reached home without much trouble. Our boy's had left their business at Week's on acc't of want of snow - their road had become too smooth down the mountain - wanted another coat of snow.

Before leaving Dimmicks his friend Dr Wolfe of Troy had arrived in order to tarry there ready to start in<sup>x</sup> the morning for Troy whither D. Was calculating to go. Sent by him for my new blank to be furnished by Mr Bills, the Cl'k of O. & A. Arnolds' store, who was to charge the same to me. In the course of our conversation the affair of removing Trow to Adams, Ms., was talked over.

SATURDAY, FEB'Y 13 Very severely cold and pretty fair - wind N. Sent Sylvanus & cous. G.P. to A. Brown's with horses, ox-ed & sled where was deliv'd to them by Abel Dimmick the boards & planks according to agree't & note given up - business all fairly settled. I was busy in town, visited H. Waters' shop, printing office, post office, Patchins' store, & Gov Tichenor's - At L. Patchin & Co's paid \$3.15 debt for Diadama of which furnished 32" of my own cash. Rec'd from H. Waters for cheese \$1.12 At Gov'T's say<sup>v</sup> judges Prentiss & Williams, who conversed sometime with the old gent - Gov said he would let us know by the mid. of next week whether he would employ our cous. Wrote a letter to Seth Parsons Esq to inform him that the money due on Chase's note had been paid over by Doct Johnson. Mentioned my wish to hier said money at 6 pr ct, 9 or 12 months. Doct H. Swift came to visit my father on acc't of his sore foot - Rec'd a fine visit from our good friend W.S. & G.W. Southworth who were lively, cheerful & entertaining.

SUNDAY, FEB'Y 14 Cloudy, snug wint. weather.

Not much variation in my pursuits. Cous. G.P. and girls went to meeting.

Sylvanus rode S. as far as wid. Norton's on the ox sled drawn by the oxen.

In the evening the young part of the family, including my lady, attended Doct. Banisters' meeting at our school house.

H. Waters & myself visited Mr Andrew's who consulted with his mason Mr Benedict about building a brick house - by Mr B. forwarded \$43.66 to Mr Chase as pay in full from F. Johnson on the 75 dollar note, forgot to take a receipt for said money.

A young Mattison was in Co. with Mr B.

B. Sears visited us in the evening - assisted Mr Waters in making out a bill of Andrews' house, the timber part only, \$210.22.

9 o'clock H. Dimmick's mare & cutter came up without a driver - None came & the creature was put up to hay in the barn.

Rec'd \$13.94 pr J.C. Andrews( for pork & cheese.

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In the evening H.Waters & B.Sears came down & dictated a Bill of Materials for the construction of a house for David Wilcox, Hoosick Four Corners, N.Y. which I drew for them. This is misplaced - should read for Monday evening.

MONDAY, FEB'Y 15 Snowed moderately all day & the weather softened considerably. Cous. Geo P. accomp'd Sylvanus to Woodford getting timber - had but one team - G.P. went to the Furnace on business of his own - procured money lent to Mr Founder. They ret'd at night with a monstrous load of round spruce timber had team of 4 Tuesday (Wednesday) Coudy, thawed much. Busy this day as well as on Monday Feb'y 16 day, working at wood. Sylvanus & G.P. employed as on the 15th - Ret'd with a good l'd but not equal to that of the preceding day. Cousin Edwin Robinson ret'd from his jaunt to Troy, Albany, Hudson, Pittsfield &c trying to get into business with out success. Diadamia accomp'd him to his father's. Trusted Mrs Kent with \$1's worth cheese &  $\frac{1}{2}$  bhl potatoes at 25" pr bhl yesterday. In the eve'g Adeline studied maps in Carey.

WEDNESDAY, FEB'Y 17 Moderate & cloudy. Continued working at wood. Cous G.P. assisted. My father was out of health, had sore foot - measured corn in the ear and ascertained that we had on hand 100 bhls. Estimated hay at 25 tons. Sylvanus visited the mountain Nathan Accomp'd him. Cousin G. amused himself studying arithmetic and history. H.Waters waited upon Miss Lucy Street here on a visit this PM in his bumper - gallanted her home in the evening. Read a few pages of Gibbon in the evening.

THURSDAY, FEB'Y 18 Very fair & fine - some thawy - Employed at wood - Father felt quite spirited & piled a consid. quantity. Cous. G. assisted us a little, or perhaps even much more. Sylvanus visited the mountain - returned with a load late in the day. P.M. marched up street - obtained \$35.58 - in full of W. Haswell Esq - for his note given Nov 19 - rec'd the money in presence of Elisha Downs - could not give him his note because I had come away without it. Went to the Bank and took up my note for \$50 left there Nov 19 - it was antedated 1 day. Of the money paid me by Mr Andrews, two one dollar notes the cashier refused to take - viz - Montreal & Chenango - the latter on account of a bad report which had reached town - said bill I gave back to Mrs Andrews.

On Monday evening forgot to state that the young Squires' and a Mr Smedley 30 years of age tarried here on their way to the N. S. was the son of Elisha S. of Hinesburgh, Vt.





FRIDAY, FEB'Y 19 Warm & very pleas't, wind S. Attended the funeral of Mr G. Godfrey~~Dr~~ Sr a soldier of the Revolution in his 72 d 04 73rd year. He raised a numerous family & was himself r regarded as an honest man - was a good neighbor & a very friendly associate - took part in several important engagements during the Revolution Enjoyed but ordinary health for many years - formerly amused himself agreeably hunting & fishing. Capt J. Norton used to be an associate of the subject of these remarks.

The procession was numerous & respectable - the interment took place in place in the E. Village Burying Ground. Mr Clark pronounced the funeral sermon in the Academy - there were so many people to be crammed into that small room that I chose not to go in - retired to Hubbell's office above Norton's store.

Esq H. said he had been trying a cause between Barna. Wood and Aaron Osborn - disputed accounts - all not worth six-pence. Saw Osborn of whom I have spoken - Dec 17 1828 - (We) I returned with my wife & sister in the 1 h. wagg.

This day Mr McKee ended his school, which had lasted four school master months

SATURDAY, FEB'Y 20 Warm & pleas't, some cloudy. Wind towards eve'g commenced blowing most violently from N.W. Wood employed us. Sylvanus with the oxen & sleigh conveyed ~~the~~ his mother & Mrs Duncsn to Pownal - they had tarried over night, made a good visit - Mr McKee spent the day here - hunted and fired at mark for some part of his amusements - Cous. G.P. complained of a bile on his right leg - Diadamia was bro't from uncle Sam's by him in 1 h. wagg.

Cousin N. Robinson started this morning for Hadley, Ms., had our bay horse in his service.

Bennett Stone came to see us - lent him \$3. payable mid. next week.

Read a few pages of Gibbon again this evening. H. Waters here this ev'g

SUNDAY, FEB'Y 21 Hazy & pleas't. No going to Church from this house Wrote the usual task. Mr Andrews paid H. Waters a chort visit - talked some on Universalism. Read some of Gibbon. In the eve'g wrote for H. Waetrs a letter to Tho's F. Hoxsey, Williamstown, Ms., containing proposals for building him a house - also made out a pretty long of materials for building a house for Jed Dewey in Woodford for the accommodation of Wm Wood. Cous. G.P., Messrs Southworth & Mc Kee were here this evening.

MONDAY, FEB'Y 22 Rained & snowed most of the A.M., cloudy & unpleas't remainder of the day. Cider mill shantee repaired cutting & working up wood was prosecuted - some logs were blown asunder with powder - P.M. visited

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town accomp'd by lady & son. McKee wrote a letter to his farher to inform him that sous. G. would work for him. Visited printing office - carried a few apples to fr'd Solomon - saw there gen. D. Rob., A. J. Haswell, M. S. Norton & others - Returned down hill - the Merch't Book will show the am't of Mrs Harwood's purchase - Saw Doct. H. Swift - Copied an acc't of against F. Blackmer of \$88.86 - added a paym't of \$50 to it - 20 bhls ears of corn was thrashed out by Sylvanus & Geo P this day.

TUESDAY, FEB'Y 23 Very handsome - N. Lights seen at night. March winds not however very high. Engaged on woodpile, father assisted by piling under the W. end of the woodshed. Cous G. & Hopkins rode to mill with 5 bhls corn which was gr'd while they visited the furnace & transacted other business. G. his coarse shoes at J. Harwood's shop, price fifty cents for making - leather \$.50 - tot \$1. for which would pay me in work. Cous. Adeline Stone came up to visit us. Friend McKee took leave of us P.M. Mrs Waters paid our ladies a visit.

WEDNESDAY, FEB'Y 24 Tolerably fair until PM, clouded over & snowed in the eve'g. Working up the woodpile continued. Cous N. L. Robinson ret'd the bay horse, which he had used 4 days on journey. Ret'd the 1 h. wagg. which cous. Ed had last eve'g to go to a party. PM cous. G. P. who had worked at sawing wood A.M. accomp'd me into town - went with H. Watrrs' to gov. Tichenor's, made a sort of agreem't to enter his service of the first of Sept next. H. Waters was here this eve'g - played flute for him & the boys. Sylvanus was about getting him a new surtout coat. Commenced foddering hay off the E. mow which perhaps would measure 12 ft high, 15 wide & 18 long, calculated on having it last six weeks. The papers of the day were filled with the speeches of Webster, Hayne & others on the Public Lands - calling up Old Embargo, War and Hartford Convention times.

THURSDAY, FEB'Y 25 Pleas't morn'g. P.M. cl'dy, snowed at night, thawy. 2 wood saws were in motion, cous. G P. was in our emp't. Father's foot continued sore & troublesome.

FRIDAY, FEB'Y 26 Snow on trees, w'd N.W. Stcuk fast to cutting & sawing up woodpile. Mc Kee ret'd from town & borrowed our horse to ride to the funeral of his uncle John Henry who departed this life on the 24th inst aged 62. Doct. A., McKee & lady attended the funeral. Interm't was made in the Hinsdill Burying Gr'd. Sermon by Mr Baldwin. Perused Gibbon at night. Ad Stone entertained us with songs.

SATURDAY, FEB'Y 27 Cloudy, muddy, growing cold, w'd N.W. Finished our stint by noon - 2d length of woodpile having been worked up Boys P.M. visited furnace - waited upon Miss Stone to Algiers I was with





my son up Street. Called on Capt E. Waters<sup>8</sup> for money, gave me only promises. Visited printing office - viewed books - Endeavored to look up ~~you~~ young B. Stone without finding him - had not yet seen fit to hand over. Saw many people in Love's (Cush's) Bar-room. Saw uncle Sam'l & cous. Saff'd Robinson. Sent Hopkins down to Dr Swift's store. Called at the P.O. & spent some time looking at the excellent music which Seym Merrill had borrowed of some Shatsbury fellow - Borrowed of Doct N. Swift \$8. Benn. money which enabled me to settle taxes in full with F. Blackmer, the Collector, \$13.86 - See Jan 14 - Transacted this business at J.K Hicks' with the boys who were returned from the Furnace staid awhile at H. Waters' shop - Saw the Church twin boys wrestle - Rec'd from H. Waters 1 gall. vinegar and came home. H. Waters visited us in the eve'g - made music to himself about purchasing potatoes for his brother Elisha who was talking of boarding his journeymen for him at \$1.75. Mr McKee tarried with us after returning the horse - read to us Mr Haynes' rejoinder to Mr Webster's speech - ably performed - too much truth in it for old Federalism, went hard against. Did not like him on the Tariff & Internal Improvements.

SUNDAY, FEB'Y 28 Dry, freezing, cold in the morning. Searching N.W. wind & clear sky. Not much variation from other Sabbath - cous. G.P. waited upon Lydia & Diadamia to meeting. H.W. was fixed up & marched somewhere, perhaps to Algiers. Mr McKee spent the day with us, read in the eve'g the letters of Col Pickering & J.Q. Adams on the Embargo, 1808. Newspapers & Gibbons furnished employment for me when thro with writing. On Saturday eve'g ought to have credited a short visit from cous. Henry Robinson.

MONDAY, MARCH 1st Pleas't, frozen & chilly - wind N.  
Mr Bowker for H. Waters entered upon the business of hewing spruce timber.  
Our boys, G.P. Harw'd & Sylvanus W.D. scored it for him - father felt well enough to saw wood.  
I went about the District to take the Census of the Scholars in it according to the Statute, and made out 52.  
Visited Carpenters, Wid. Billings' - Searl's - Jewett's - Fay's, N. Norton's & Cheeseman's. Young A. Daniels accomp'd me from the widow's up to House's, Jewett's, and assisted some in making out my list. Mrs Searls' said her husband assisted some in making out my list. Mrs Searls said her husband talked of buying the Chatfield place -  
At Mr F's saw uncle Elisha who spoke up very lively & smart when I asked him how he did, striking his right hand violently across his breast - saying he was sound at the vitals, saying also that his memory was all gone - sight so poor as not to know me - recollected me by my voice  
At N. Norton's shop where N. was working at his trade spent sometime with L. Jewett, Ben. Hand, who played the violin a little,





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and another young fellow. Jewett said something favorable of hiring Mis Hurd to teach our school the ensuing season - I intimated my approbation provided her terms should not exceed what she had in 1829 - If we could not engage her, to endeavor to prevail upon Miss Clarissa Loomis to undertake as teacher. As I came away B. Hand started and walked with me as far as the Dr Fay house, & then shaped his course for Green's. While discoursing with Jewett told him I should resign my office as Committee Man as soon as I had got through with our late teacher - he should do so likewise.

TUESDAY, MARCH 2d Very chilly, cldy - Snowed P.M. Continued scoring & hewing timber - and sawing wood - father assisted at the last. Mr Banister, the pensioner, a man of piety, left us this morning - fought under Washington at Trenton - 1776.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 3 Pretty pleas't, thawed some, carried off most of the thin snow which came Tuesday P.M. & eve'g. The business of Monday & Tues'y contin'd. Sylvanus with a team of 3 drew saw logs from Weeks' besises - T. Kent assisted him. Diadamia was conveyed by William to Algiers, to visit Mrs Rogers. W. drew in 6 logs.

THURSDAY, MARCH 4 Excell't weath'r for business. The hewing of 617 ft spruce timber from 24 to 34 ft in length of the long kind & from 14 to 15 ft of the other kind - some pieces squaring 9 by 9 others 8 by 9, 7 by 9, 7 by 8, 7 by 7, & 6 by 6, No. of long pieces 16 do short 11, in all 27, scored, hewn & piled S. side Milking yard by 12 o'clock this day.

FRIDAY, MARCH 5 Very fine. Continued working up woodpile. Cous. G. assisting- Sylvanus procured a bill of the cloth & trimmings of his new surtout, which am't'd to upward of \$11 - the making \$45. Mr W.E. Brayton late PM made a short call - exhibited a fair statement of our cheese which sold in Dec. at \$6.50 pr hund- loss not quite so bad as I had reason to fear it was when he wrote in Jan. Said his partner was much pleased with the letter I wrote in reply - they treated my case as fairly as they could, allowed all my weight 5155 lbs, deducted from \$309.30 a loss of \$4.71 which left due me at this time \$4.59 which he paid me in hand. As to a dairy girl he had endeavored to find one but could not - was sorry I had not thought to as much as thank him in regard to what he had done to that. See Oct 16 & Jan. 4 - My confidence & good opinion of this man were greatly strengthened in the prosecution of this business.

SATURDAY, MARCH 6 S. w'd cl'dy - some stormy. Sylvanus & Adeline rode to Hoosick Falls on a visit. Cous. G. & I contin'd working at wood pile. Father retired from business on account of his foot being worse. On Friday eve. Em. Gleason & Mr Green called here - nothing said of June 17 1829





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SUNDAY, MARCH 7 Warm, thawy, some rainy - w'd S. Circumstances were against the attendance of anyone at Church, & therefore so was the fact. Wrote for self & H. Waters - the latter bro't on all his small books for keeping acc'ts of work & board in regular order. Sylvanus & Adeline returned from Hoosick in the evening. All well - much divided on religious points. Diadamia ret'd from her visit in Algiers by the hand of Brad. Godfrey who conveyed her here in a (chaise) one h. wagg.

MONDAY, MARCH 8 Rained in the morning, suddenly turned round cold, wind strong N.W. and 4 P.M. snowed furiously a short time. Business proceeded slowly onward on acc't of bad weather & other unfavorable circumstances. Silas Watson in great strait solicited the use of our oxen to draw a load of wood from the woods of gen. Robinson - said S.H. Brown denied him the use of his oxen and the privilege of getting wood on his lands - his father-in-law Cheeseman had been gone off ever since the 12th or 13th of Feb - We looked upon this matter as rather hard - to be plagued with the calls of other people's tenants - Let every Landlord look to his own tenants - let him first beware of what sort of creatures he takes in. C. was a suspicious character - his wife is a daughter of Silas Moon & sister of R. Moon; the mother of six children; Silas the eldest by a former husband from whom she was separated by his going to the N.Y. State Prison; was now, say from 15 to 16 yrs of age. A little Irishman boarded with them. The M's there was no doubt would when out of sight do as others do who are dishonest. Under these dark omens this family was permitted to take up their abode in this neighbourhood some 4 or 5 months since. The boy had the oxen & cart & in part paid for the use of them. G.P. Harwood & H. Waters early in the m'g visited the Furnace on business - the former wished to get employment there for the season, but wages were set too low - only at \$10 pr month. P.M. cous. G.P. accompd me up Str't - staid awhile at Swift & S's - advanced up the hill - Left my cous. near the P.O. with McKee - went to D. Love's and tried to look up our cous. Benn't Stone - visited printing office - Hat Store - & V.D. Mc Ewen's where saw & talked with him a few moments - mention was made of the money which he should have paid ere this had he not been disappointed - B. Squires' owed him \$4. - would pay it as soon as he could get it of him - had been offered \$9 $\frac{1}{2}$  to work for Montague's tenant. Saw S. D. Walbridge & S. H. Brown discoursing together on the different breeds of Eng. cattle - the former mentioned a Mr Bullock who resided about 8 miles W. of Albany - very wealthy - called him a gouging hard faced old fellow - kept a dairy of upwards of 30 cows - so large that many of them would weigh 12 cwt

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had always sold his cheese in Albany for 16 cts pr lb - cows usually averaged 30 quarts milk per day a piece. His father was from Eng. where they at certain periods replenished their stock. Walbridge also spoke of two late writers on this subject - the late Tim P. Nearing & a Mr Powell of Pennsylvania - had their correspondence in a pamphlet which he promised to lend me for perusal - considered it curious & highly important.

Found there our cous. Ira B. Dewey of Hopkinton, N.Y. eldest son of my uncle Jared D. of s'd place - left all in usual health 2 or 3 w'ks sinc - left Vergennes on Friday last - accomp'd me home. Paid Swift & Son \$4. tow'd borrowed money.

Saw at S. & S's young Eph. Smith - youngest of Esq W.S's family. Borrowed N. Y. American of S. & S in which the last and very able speech of Mr Webster in Sen. of the U. on Mr Foote's Reso. concerning the Public Lands was published.

TUESDAY, MARCH 9 Clear, very cold, w'd N.W. Chopp'g & saw'g wood was the business in a lively strain. Cous. N.L.R. came to see us - requested us to lend our bay horse to him in the course of the month to go to Troy - gave consent on condition that he should accommodate us in like manner - to which he could not agree because he had made a solemn promise that no other person than himself should be permitted to use his horse - Notwithstanding which I told him that he might have our best to go to the river provided the travelling were not too bad. He seemed to think he could procure an animal to answer his purpose in his own heighborhood. His first proposal was to transport plaster on his return to pay for th the use of our horse.

This eve'g Mr W's speech was read to us by W.S. Southworth in fine style

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 10 Severe S. wind - some snow - grew mild tow'd eve'g. Finished cutting & sawing up wood pile - Same hands 9th & 10y - cous. G. being one of them - worked about half of Monday - father assisted part of the time in piling wood. Commenced riving and piling up s'd wood in good earnest. The E. hay mow being now reduced to 7 ft in height - squaring 16 by 18 was cut through the centre E. & W.

THURSDAY, MARCH 11 Rainy - cold & rough at night - w'd N. Business suspended mostly during A.M. resumed again P.M.

The above opportunity was improved in making out a statement of the am' of Butter, Cheese, calves, Pork & Pigs sold off this farm during the season past; Pork \$119.18 - Shoats \$8.72 - 11 pigs \$6.00 - 24 calves \$12.00 - Butt. Lbs 464 \$66.95 - Cheese Lbs 5658½ \$337.36 total \$550.11 From which must be deducted an immense expenditure in building shed, /p/g pay

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ing off & boarding hired hands, male & female, paying for Ind. corn, buying cows, paying interest on the use of say \$300.00 besides a dead loss of more than \$70.00 in various ways in the course of six months & it will cease to be a wonder why we accumulate nothing - to say noth'g of our Merch't acc't which if not at all extravagant, nevertheless it by no means a small item ; State, Town, School & Minister taxes, enough to satisfy anybody that this is not the way to get rich. The best account I can refer to is a strict examination of my Day Book in which everything is entered daily in the form of DR & CR to B. Harw'd & Son.

FRIDAY, MARCH 12 Very fine, excepting the haze, observed P.M.  
Continued the business commenced on the 10th - Cous G.P. being of the party. Capt David Griswold of Litchfield Connect't having with him a paper setting forth that he had been dreadfully wounded on board a canal boat, which was confirmed by his actual appearance, being nearly blind, head sore, face too, one of his legs likewise - begged for old clothes, shoes or money - ate supper - sang a few songs & retired early to rest. Said he had come from a place N.W. Kingston, U. Canada where a brother of his resided. On Thursday eve'g finished writing a long letter to our cousin J.C. Barter Esq of the Ogdensb'g Gazette which was filled pretty full of such loose stuff as I could readily command to compose its contents - It was principally an acc't of Cous. G.P. Har'd that I wrote it - Gave an acc't of the pres't state of the family - Dairy concern - a slight trace of G. P.'s visit to his father in Ohio - remarks on his lady dictated by G. P. - what the latter had been doing since coming to this place & his intention of entering the service of Doct. A. Mc Kee, Arlington, Vt. Desired a hasty, or say a quick reply.

SATURDAY, MARCH 13 Dull, smoky, thick cl'ds from S. rained in the eve'  
Same business contin'd.

Cous. G. P. Harwood started with W. H. McKee in a chaise for Doct. A. McKee's, Arlington, to see if he could agree on terms for serving him 5 or 6 months.

Our brave Capt. G., related while at breakfast, being with gen. Jackson at N. Orleans on the memorable 8th Jan. 1815 and accompanying him in his Ind. Wars - had formerly lived in Troy, N.Y. where he lost his lady ab't 20 years since - resided afterwards in Pittsburgh whence he proceeded at the time of entering the U. S. service. Told some anecdotes about shooting Ind's in which we did not repose much confidence - thought he was some shattered.

Mr Mc Kee solicited a book for the Academy Library. I gave Butler's U. Hist. understanding that on the dissolution of s'd Library the books were all to be returned to the original proprietors. My name was inscribed on the title P.





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SUNDAY, MARCH 14 Thick dark clds & very rainy, gr'd seemed to be pretty thoroughly soaked - snow banks much lessened &c. Employed much in the usual way - seemed to take up too large a portion of my time to write out my records - Perused the Bible in the evening - In Proverbs, Kings & the 37th Chapt'r of Ezekiel - Likewise read a few pages of Gibbon & besides wrote acc't & made out a bill of materials for the house & wood house of J. M. Olin of Shaftsbury which H. Waters had just entered into a contract to build the latter part of the present season for the sum of \$290.

MONDAY, MARCH 15 Cold in the m'g - clear - high wind N.W. all day. Resumed the business of Saturday - cous. J.B. Dewey assisting.

Paid to Mr Northup towards use of stud \$1. promised to leave the remaining \$2 for him at Swift's store so that he might receive it on the evening of Tuesday or morning of Wed. next.

Cous. M. A. Waters arrived from Capt P. Dewey's this morning on a visit. Cous. G.P. Harwood returned from his visit to Arlington late in the day - liked Doct. Mc Kee's people pretty well, agreed to begin working for him at \$11. some day in April, for no specified period of time.

Mrs Kent paid our ladies a visit this day - during which she very frankly and freely disclosed her mind respecting persons & things which must stand nameless here.

Young Watson bo't of us 1 bhl potatoes for which he paid 32" - our price was 2/0.

Bright N. Lights observed this evening.

TUESDAY, MARCH 16 Ground frozen solid in the morning, cl'dy, hazy - thawed up soft before 2 O'clock P.M. - snowed in the evening from S. Made settlem't with cous. G. P. Harwood who for 13 days service charged 6 dolls 50 cts - Our account against him comprehending 1 pr shoes, 3½ yds wool'n cloth, cutting vest & pantaloons & furnishing trimmings - amt'd to \$5.80 - leaving 70" his due on book. Received from him \$10.00 for which gave my note of hand due six months from date.

Prepared grist of 10 bhls of rye & 2 of buckwh't, started for Walbridge's in 2 h. wagg.

Called on Capt Waters to acquaint him with my pecuniary wants - s'd he would endeavor to pay by the first of April - due, say \$10.93

At Swift & S's paid \$4. borrowed money in full - left \$2. for Mr Northup as engaged on the 15th.

Reached the mill in due seas., had grist all well ground with the addition of 1 bhl wheat bo't at \$1.6" - paid all but the fraction which was promised on T. Meeting day

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Visited St. Walbridge Sen who was sawing out Boat Planks for Demas Robinson in his mill - the timber was white elm. Passed much time in the Paper Mill reading the N.Y. American which I borrowed of S&Son. Paid my respects to S.D. Walbridge who shewed me a very fine stock of young cattle, young cows & yearlings of the Hoosick Improved breed in excellent condition. In the Pap. Mill saw Geo. Walb., Bowen, Charles Walb. & others - they had lately resumed business there since being froze up during the cold weather in Feb. On my way home called a mom't at S. Robinson's, who were in usual health - performed some business in town & arrived here about sun-set. Father, Sylvanus & cous Ira had been employed in the business of Monday. Cous Geo. visited the Furnace - procured his boots, but found no employment. I could find no one that wanted a hired hand as cous. Dewey had requested to inquire.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 17 Extrmely unpleas't, rained more or less all day - travelling never much worse - finally to be more correct should mention that the gr'd was thinly cov'd with snow early in the day - rain afterw'd carried off the snow, most of the rain fell P.M. Completed filling the wood shed in which by computation presumed there must be of green & dry, about 40 cords wood, some of which had been there 2 seasons - 1/3d of the whole we judged was dry - Besides the above had a clever supply scattered promiscuously about the parade ground.

A long basswood log was procured in the woods for the purpose of conveying to the saw mill to be converted into thin boards to be used in Making cheese casks. In getting resdy to load said log the oxen behaved ill, but finally performed all we could ask.

Cous. Ira & Hopkins were with us in this expedition.

Friend Parsons arrived from Hoosack - all well there - talked of removing with his family into his former dwelling. Commenced writing a letter to cous. M. Harwood, Petersburg.

THURSDAY, MARCH 18 Continued rainy & unsettled for awhile - by 10 A.M. cleared off - flying clds & high w'd N.W.

Snow almost wholly gone in cleared lands.

We had thoughts of beginning to dig a vault to the b--k house, but our plan not being fully matured it was suspended & chopping & sawing elm wood drawn yesterday was pursued by father & Sylvanus.

Finished writing letter to cous. M. Harwood which with another to cous. A. Stone from Diadamia was deposited in the P. Office, the former post paid.

Visited the Library of D. Clark where amused myself a short time looking over Bonaparte's

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Winter campaign in Feb 1807 - which was by no means children's play - their battles were many & very sanguinary - all the effect of commercial avarice on the part of England & grand ambitious views on the part of that extraordinary Man who then wielded the destinies of the French Empire.

It was a subject that excited in me the most melancholy reflections to picture to myself such mighty masses of men collected from all parts of a great country for no other business than most cruelly destroying each other in cold blood in order to decide who among a few great ones should rule.

Took from the Library with the consent of friend Solomon, "The Hero of No Fiction" and took leave.

Saw young Stone who said as soon as B. Squires would pay him, so soon would he hand over to me.

Wwt over to McEwen's & talked a few moments - saw V.D. & his brother Sidney who sat down to a game of backgammon or something of the kind with his friend P. Isham.

Returned off the hill to Swift & Son's, where some business was transacted - borrowed an American in which was a curious cut representing the form of their lately invented steam carriages in England - with accompanying illustrations and explanations.

Doct. S. encouraged me in the notion I had imbibed of tak~~ing~~ money out of the Babk and renewing my note.

Mr Ogden came there on some business - after he was at liberty I accompanied him to his shop & bo't a piece of ash plank for cheese press lever, charged on book 25 cts.

Visited the shop of H. Waters' - found him engaged in business with E. Lyon who had conceived an erroneous opinion of his lumbdr transactions with the former - all however was made square & fair by a close & critical examination of the papers of H. Waters - to the full satisfaction of Mr L. who left in good humor, after which I played by entreaties from H.W. a few tunes on the fife - an instrument which in these days I badly managed.

Viewed the new 3 story building in which the floors & stairs had lately been erected or built - the chambers were imposing, fine & pleas't - Ben S. & C. Bowk'r were there employed while H. & his young Elwell were busily engaged in various ways in the front shop.

In passing capt. W's halted & conversed a few moments on a subject which at this time shall be nameless.

Got home about 3 P.M.

Cous. Ira had been with me thro thick & thin.

Read some & played flute in the evening.

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My letter to cousin Margaret contained many things foreign to the main design in hand which am'td to nothing more than a request that she or her folks would ~~name~~ weave for us, (of course they would spin) 4 cheese strainers & as many ch. cloths which must be sent us by the first of May - in case they could not comply - to write immediately. Informed her of the bad health of cous. P. Robinson & c & c. Our friend T.C. returned late in the day (with cous.) from Algiers

FRIDAY, THURSDAY, Fine, pleas't & cool - w'd N.

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With cousins G.P. Harwood & J.B. Dewey and S.W. Daniels visited the summit of M't Anthony - made an easy ascent by going up S.H. Brown's upper wood road, thence bearing a little N.W. some distance, after which turned S.W. paying our respects to that handsome grove of pines conspicuous to every eye looking from the E. & S.E. points of compass for several miles round - measured several trunks and found their diameters to vary from 14 to 18 inches - advanced over considerable bodies of snow to the highest peak where we arrived before ~~1/2~~ 12 and halted sometime.

Soon after we left Brown's wood lot, the bells of the Meeting House, Acad. and Seminary commenced ringing - the music was so fine we had to stop to listen attentively during the performance.

On the most elevated point of the Grand Peak stands a venerable Black Oak on the S. side of which at a suitable height, the bark for that purpose, having been scored off, was inscribed the figures "1826" - executed by me on the 11th of March, that year. Sylvanus now carved below it the initials of his name and the date of the year.

Searched out a ladder made & used in 1826, but the rounds were so decayed as to render it entirely useless, but previous to this being ascertained, it was with some difficulty that we persuaded Sylvanus not to mount it in trying to gain the top of an oak which he afterwards climbed by main strength - whence the prospect was most extensive & grand; he tried to entice more of the company to follow his example, but no one tho't it worth while.

So many trees & underbrush abounded as to almost spoil a prospect that otherwise would be enchanting beyond description.

Without climbing we could discover many interesting objects among which we would enumerate the Village at H. 4 Corners, the New Bridge across H. River & the elegant Seat of Tibbitt's Jun beyond the Br.

Having satiated our curiosity here, we steered S.E. until we came to a place where we discovered our farm & dwelling directly in front - halted <sup>2</sup>/<sub>1</sub> Dewey sounded the tin horn & Sylvanus sung "British Taxation" as loud as he could ball - gained our object - to be heard at the house.

Saw a good deal of snow in our travels.

Next proceeded to "Bald Hill" - here

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the horn was sounded, "Taxation" vociferated loudly and the fowling piece fired several times - after which a large fire was struck up - more than that, attempts were made to fire some dry trees in the vicinity which but partially succeeded.

Our prospect was pretty extensive & very beautiful.

The music, sound of the horn, report of the gun and smoke of fire gained the attention of our people at home who could plainly distinguish our persons, but not so minutely as to ascertain who was who.

Being satisfied with our sports here we descended by a circuitous route to the Old Street Pasture - visited the N.W. corner of our wood lot - selected timber for an eaves-spout or gutter to the Barn and arrived here past 2 o'clock P.M.

Father had employed himself in working up wood - about the parade, in which he was joined by Sylvanus after dinner.

Ben Fay, S. part of Bennington, called in want of tar for shoemaker - Sylvanus gave him some wax - Ben. said their folks were making sugar from map. sap.

Mr Luman Sherwood came P.M. to inform me of his father having discovered 5 cows in his neighborhood for sale.

Thanked him for his kindness and promised to attend to it on the morrow

SATURDAY, MARCH 20 Gr'd frozen in the morning. S.wind blew up fresh, Pleas't but hazy - the ways were in a terribly unsettled state, so that a horse could hardly go out of a walk anywhere. Such being the state of the travelling, rode with father to capt L. Sherwood's - found the capt. & his son Loran engaged in hewing timber for an extensive hog pen. Talked away an hour or more, then being accomp'd by the capt. crossed over to Richard Ostrand's farm - looked at the cows talked of, didn't think very highly of them, not however disputing but that they might be worth one hund. doll's - we saw and conversed with the man drily - he had been visited by Daniel Pine who would purchase 7 head - of course we left without trading - came to Capt. S's, round by Mr James' in order to see if he had cows to sell - the man was at a distance chopping or doing some such sort of work - made but little stop there. One reason for our not buying was lack of fodder. During our visit to capt. S's they gave us a dinner. We got home about dark. Our boys had mended fences, drawn down our poplar timber, which Sylvanus had hewn ready for making eaves gutter. Old Mrs Hathaway, wid. of Simeon H. Esq died this day, aged 79.

(SATURDAY)	SUNDAY	Rained most of the A.M.
MARCH 21st.,		Became pretty pleas't P.M.
		Thundered near night, mild, w'd S.





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Finished reading the 3d Vol of Gibbon, the conclusion of which is quite interesting and very comprehensive.

Looked at the N.Y. Paper respecting steam carriages.

Performed writing for myself and for H. B. Waters.

Our friend Benj. Sears paid us a familiar visit in the eve'g.

MONDAY, MARCH 22 Fine, mild, mud drying up - hazed over P.M.

Improved some few moments of the morning viewing a herd of 25 cows which had been kept over night by Mr Robinson at the Doct. Fay barn for drovers going to Adams or Cheshire, Mass. The cattle taken altogether appeared to good advantage. Did not see the owners who were gone to see Mr Harmon's cows, was informed they purchased those I saw for from 14 to \$18.00 pr h'd. Cous. J.B. Dewey walked S. with me. Meeting Esq Bates against Jewett's woods, held some conversation with him and learned that his health was bad; had lately undergone a severe attack of pleurisy from which he had not fully recovered - more do not recollect. Mr Grover Sen & Mr O. W. Daniels soon joined company - some few jokes having been cracked the happy throng were soon dispersed - proceeded to G. House's, viewed a cow he offered for sale, price \$22.00 He gave a good recommend, but fearing disappointm't did not buy - asked only for 24 hours to make up my mind - giving him liberty to dispose of her if he could obtain a higher price from some other person.

We returned up the road this side Jewett's - took the Way to Algiers - called on Mr R. L. Fenton - rec'd but slight information about cows - had shoats to sell - was expecting teams to remove his family & effects to Dorset - had got tired of taking farms - was himself going to remain in Maj. Luman's service - A Mr Evans was coming into Nort's house after his deperture.

Before we gained Smith's cous. Dewey went to Merrit Green's to be hired but the good man was in thw woods - his wife said he had engaged no one tho't it likely he would want a hand.

Doct. Wolfe overtook us, inquired the age of Dimmick's bay mare, on which he was riding - told him she was foaled in the year 1812.

Made an unsuccessful application for a place for cous. D. at Lieut. Safford's - uncle Sol. gone from home.

In Algiers visited interior of Baptist Meeting House - 64 or 68 slips finished & many of them sold out - much remained yet to do before the house could be finished.

Those who were in with us were H. Sage, A. Lyman, Sid Mc Elowen, & Kelly of Alg.

Saw Barna Wood who on enquiry being made by cous. Ira B. for employm't, very readily and facetiously began to talk ~~ever~~ round to persuade him into his service.





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After suffering him to proceed thus awhile, we took leave, steering towards the grist mill. Took occasion to inform my cousin of the very defective character of friend W. whose debts are usually paid at the end of an execution - always troubled with petty lawsuits, paying no regard to the principles of honor & honesty. Enquired of A. Harwood whether he had a cow he wished to dispose of - replied in the negative - had a heifer which had sold to Lawyer Squiers' - mentioned ~~havi~~ Burt's having 1 to sell. I did not think proper to go to see. Wheeled about for home - Called at J. & J.N. Nort's and promised to take up note of Jan 9 on T. meeting day - Near their store saw John Greenslet who had been a bystander during Wood's conversation, who put in a word of caution after our return from the mill - saying W. owed him for a weeks work done about 1 year ago - promised that morning to pay him. Came home and assisted in building whole wall - upper side of field W. of the barn below the ridge of Rocks; cous. Ira Managed team - Sylvanus assisted father in laying up. Cous. G. P. used the axe to clear away shrubs, trees &c.

TUESDAY, MARCH 23 Snow'g lightly from the E. muddy, unpleas't.  
 Accomp'd by cous. G.P. Harwood went on foot to G. House's & rec'd the cow mentioned on Monday at the price then set - 8 years old, good size, fair appearance. Mentioned to him that as I gave him his price, should claim & exercise the right of making complaint if she should prove to be inferior to what he had recommended her. Sylvanus & cous. G.P. drew a few rails to repair fence against S.H. Brown's woods. Timber for eave gutter drawn home - Cow windlasses repaired. Cous. Ira B. went to Lieut Safford's to see if he wanted to hire him during the season - rec'd a favorable answer. Lent to O. W. Daniels' the bay horse to go leader to Troy in a team of 3 - prepared 2 errands for him - He however on the morning of the 25th having made or changed and waded through a sea of mud to the old Dimmic's stand, W. part, leaving his 5 bbls oil there, drove his whole team here and dismissed our horse & returned to Algiers, leaving the journey to Troy to be performed by others - among whom was J. Rogers for B. Squires with 4 horses. Regulated by School List or Census of the District to be handed over to the Town Cl'k - saved a copy - John Ayres came to pay his school rate - could not be rec'd because the Bill had never been made up. T. C. Parsons tarried with us this n't.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 24 Some pretty cold cl'ds having blown off a pleas't day ensued.  
 An eave-gutter was this morning completed.





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chiefly by Sylvanus who had by this time made no small progress in the rough part of carpentry. P.M. the aforesaid wall was pursued - father being chief engineer - Ira B. lent a hand.

I inspectef the dairy room - laid planks for walk to the barn - repaired stable floor - cous. G.P. assisting - Walked up street - viewed H. Waters' shop - H. said he talked of renting his front building to Dr Chandler at \$40.00 pr annum.

Bo't 1 lb tea on cr. of Swift & S. at 4/0.

Visited the P.O. twice. Last time deposited Dist. List with Seymour Merrill to be handed to Wm Haswell, T.Cl'k.

Called at Hall's - saw old & young Steb Walbridge, Capt H., & J. Hubbell Esq - they mentioned a case wherein a man in Shaftsbury who happened to fall, with his horse, through the bridge at Esq Henry's was likely to recover large damage against the town, but if properly managed could be prevented as his claim could not be equitably maintained in their opinion.

Visited the Libr'y of Dr N. Swift - Perused article on the V.C. Disease - a tdrrible complaint indeed.

Borrowed the "Advisor", a Religious Periodical of Ed H. and came home - found T. C. Parsons & friend W. S. Southworth - the latter read stories in a late Casket.

Began feeding hay off the N. half of the E. haymow - See March 10 -

THURSDAY, MARCH 25 Hazed over most of the day - wind became chilly from the E. P.M. Father was sick.

Another eave-trough was got out - west side of the roof of the old dwelling was patched with new shingles or those that had never been in previous use. Parsons was off this morning.

Read Doct. Beechers' Sermons on Intemperance this evening, in part - found them excellent.

Friend Mc Kee came down this evening to inform cous. G.P. that his uncle, Deac. McK. would employ him until his time commenced with his father - the Doct. - at \$9. pr month.

Returned to hear Historical Lectures - deliv'd up-street.

FRIDAY, MARCH 26 Snowed furiously all day - wind blowing very heavily from N.E. Gathered up old newspapers for the years 1827, 1828, 1829 and a part of 1826 & 1830.

Looked over some old letters rec'd during the present Century.

P.M. some joiner business was executed by Sylvanus.

Father amused himself reading Abridgem't of English History.

Cous's J.B. & G.P. amused themselves in the best manner the times would admit of. The former on the 25th was engaged to work for the season at Lieut Safford's for \$10 pr month - uncle Solomon paid us a visit in person that morning to make the bargain.

The price was not now mentioned, as my cous. informed me but





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it was specifically named on the 23rd, and undisputed this morning. In the evening read 20 pages of Gibbons' 5th Vol describing the country of Arabia, historical review of the character of its inhabitants previous to the birth of Mahomet &c.

SATURDAY, MARCH 27 Flying clds & high wind from N.W.  
Very bad travelling.

On the 26th it should be kept in remembrance that robins & a great variety of other spr'g birds were seen hopping on the ground or flying from branch to branch in our orchards & in other situations exhibiting a rather novel exhibition among the feathered tribes. Sylvanus & cous. Ira B went over to the sawmill in Algiers with the basswood log mentioned on the 17th. Cous Geo P. Harwood embarked in a light waggon employed on the Northern Stage route for Arlington, Vt. 3 P.M. with 2 other passengers - Bennett Stone driver - saw them start from the Old Cushman Stand now occupied by D. Love. Geo's trunk was conveyed by our boys to Hicks on the Black sled. They had a spike team & drew logs down from Weeks' to Colvin's mill.

In the morning I visited the flock which had been absent during the storm - they were doing well - fed them with corn.

Examined fence of boards & posts erected in 1827 - appeared to be rising out of the gr'd where it was wet land - my son was with me in this excursion.

P.M. was in town - visited Swift's Sons more than once - Bo't 8 lbs clover seed, light articles for women, amounting to \$1.19 - and 4 pails - handsome for dairy, at 5/0 Y'k - \$2.50

Visited taverns, printing & post office - at the former office gen'l Robinson was honing a razor which he said had been in use sixty two years, being a present from Judge Mattocks of Vermont, then a barber in Middletown, Ct to his 2d wife's father, Mr Dickinson, of that place at whose decease it devolved to the general.

Under Hicks' horse-shed two men, young Mr Austin and Wm Wadsworth offered cows for sale - I promised to call & see - they were well recommended.

Sylvanus came to me - we marched to H. Waters' shop where he shewed us a letter from uncle Clark H. dated Rutland, March 1st. Family and himself well - had discovered perpetual motion - should come to Bennington as soon as he could complete his model.

Usual business attended to in the evening.

The cow bo't of G. House was doing well - had a fine calf on Friday.

We were almost destitute of butter at this date.





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On the 21st inst. several persons composing the family were weighed - the result of which I am unable exactly to state, but as near as I can state, it was thus -

Self	lbs	153	G. P. Harwood,	lbs	
H. Waters	lbs	15	J. B. Dewey	lbs	152
S W Daniels		178	Miss L. Harwood		
Mrs Sally H.	130 lbs		Ad. M. Harwood		
M. A. Waters	148		Hiram H. Harwood		

SUNDAY, MARCH 28 If I mistake not it was pleas't & some cold - wd N. O. & S.W. Daniels rode home to Pownal, very bad riding.

My reading was confined to no particular book - looked at newspapers drily - wrote rather more than usual - Drew up a business letter for H. Waters to Wilcox of Hoosick desiring him to furnish stuff &c. Likewise a dunning letter to Hem'n Wickwire, Troy, for \$2.00 lent money - borrowed in Dec. last.

Cous. N. L. Robinson paid us a visit & handed over the note which I had signed with him to the Bank, lately taken up by him.

MONDAY, MARCH 29 Very fine morning - held so mostly all day.

Regulations respecting some of our swine were made - roof of dairy house about the chimney was repaired by Sylvanus, assisted some by J. B. Dewey.

P.M. stone digging was executed by B. H. & Son.

I took a pleas't walk this morning to see Mr W. Wadsworth's cows.

Went past E. Dewey Hubbell as he was going to his sugar trees - a number of which he had on tap - halted and conversed with him on the subject of dairying - moved onw'd, - met & conversed a few moments with Mr Wickwire on the sale & condition of cows - offered to sell one which he supposed to be worth \$25. I did not go to see.

W. said cows in general were low in flesh.

Being arrived at Mr Wadsworth's - residing at Mrs Mc Ewen's, took much time in examining his 2 cows - 7 & 8 years old - appeared as if they might be good ones - were low in flesh - which along with my fears of not having hay enough to allow of uniting them to our stock - and a thousand other notions in my head, made me conclude not to be hasty in making a bargain.

He asked for them \$22.50" a piece.

I offered him \$20. & have them kept until the first of May - to which he agreed.

The eldest had a calf 2 days old - the other would probably have one by the mid. of April - I came away without making a contract - He was anxious to sell - appeared very candid in his description of them - his story was apparently honest & artless.





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TUESDAY, MARCH 30 Nice Spring day - some hazy.

Finished for the present building whole wall skirt ing the Ridge of Rocks W. of the house & barn of which now built there were say six rods.

P.M. clubbed dung in the S. mead. Cous. J.B. assisted all day.

In the evening drew up a long letter to his father - the contents of which I have not time properly to notice here.

Mentioned Ira's being engaged to Lieut Saff'd at \$10 per month - also cous. G. P. going to Arlington to work for Mc Kee at \$11 - Some remarks on the death of our late uncle Hopkins - a few lines were dedicated to uncle Osaac Hopkins with a request that he would write me &c.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 31 Rained pretty steadily from the N. almost all day & even until a late hour at night. With father & cous

I. B. D. attended Town Meeting.

Esq Henry being absent at the funeral of Col Bronson, Manchester, made it necessary to select another person to perform the duty of Moderator, and that person happened to be Judge Stephen Robinson, who filled the station with becoming ease, dignity & propriety.

Most of the last years officers were reappointed - W. Haswell, Cl'k - G. Blackmer, Ist Selectman - A. Sherwood, E. Rudd, S. Loomis & Jed Dewey were the others.

Suppose Sol Saff'd was continued Treasurer, Hiram Blackmer Ist Constable & Collector.

Richmond Fisk, new incumbent, after a pretty close run between himself G. S. Brannock & Sid. B. Mc Eowen, took the office of 2d Constable.

Steph. Robinson, John Norton, & U. Edgerton - Listers - further I shall not attempt to particularize.

Our meeting was pretty noisy - think the am't of taxes voted for all objects was 2 cents on the dollar.

I executed more than a usual share of personal business - saw Mr Plumb & after getting the interest properly cast on principal & endorsements on my \$125 note by J.B. Norton, s'd note was ret'd to me & 37 $\frac{1}{2}$  overpay by Mr P.

Agreed to take Wadsworth's cows at \$20.pr h'd & have them kept until 1<sup>st</sup> of May.

Tried to procure the money but failed on account of its not being discount day at the B'k.

Made some inquiry respecting Miss Hurd of her father who told me she calculated on receiving \$2. pr week & be boarded at one house only through the season - terms quite beyond our means I considered.

Mr S. Loomis took me aside and informed me that his sister Clarissa could be had





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as teacher in our District - which took with me to the life.  
 Sometime during the day handed back change to Doct. F. Johnson, balance due him since the payment of his note Feb 14 - forgot to hand him his note.  
 After the meeting paid to J. Norton \$3.00 to apply on note of Jan'y 9th 1830.  
 Came home through rain & mud accomp'd by H. Waters.  
 For choice of Constable, see Sept. 17th 1829

THURSDAY, APRIL 1 Very fine indeed - fine Spring prospect.

The business on the farm was repairing fences.

I marched S. to L. Norton's - conversed with Miss Clar. Loomis about teaching our Dist. School - left her to consider upon it awhile and proceeded to the sugar works of L. Jewett - tarried an hour or more conversing on a variety of topics - not forgetting our school teacher whom I was to engage on as good terms as I could.

Left my friend with 2 boys boiling sap, one of whom was (John) Joseph Ayres who by order of his uncle Levi had procured the fowling piece and ammunition for the purpose of shooting pigeons.

I must mention a contract made by Levi with Mr Galusha of Shaftsbury for 12 cows at \$21.00 - had driven 11 of them - half to be paid on the first of Dec. next - remainder one year from that date. My friend stated that his debts might amount to \$1000.

On returning homeward called on Miss Loomis and engaged her to teach our school from the first of May to Sept. 20 weeks at \$1.50 pr month & board herself - consid'd myself very fortunate - Visited the shop - saw Mr Morton & a young fellow turning ware - talked respecting school affairs - the major gone to N. York.

W. Bates splitting wood.

Came home to dinner.

P.M. went to capt Waters' - rec'd \$9. from the capt. likewise a note against James Hicks Jun on which there was due about \$18.00 - was to collect the am't of my demand, if possible, and return the money he now p'd me with the note.

Saw Mr H. but he was not ready - would pay me on Monday next -

Called at the store of S. & Son and received an assurance that my note should be discounted next week if no other was.

Saw Sim Thayer Sen'r there - who said he was ab't 5 years younger than my farher.

Marched to Algiers - Contracted with Mr Peck for 25 rennets - rec'd 11 of them - to be at the going price -

Paid or rather rec'd my note of Jan 9th for money paid to J. Norton yesterday.





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Saw Mr Pratt at the store who had told me at town meeting that he had a cow to dispose of - spoke to him that I would go up to his house to inspect the property.

After transacting some business he was ready to walk.

Saw O.W.Daniels who was attending an arbitration between himself & capt Jac Safford.

Came up with Mr P. who shewed me the cow which I liked well - her size was large, color good - signs, so far as I saw, were favorable - his price was \$22.00 but if I would pay him that day I should have her at \$21.00 - this I could not engage. I finally agreed to take her away on Monday next at \$22.00, payable May 19th without interest.

P. said his cow was 7 years old.

This contract closed the main business of the day.

I was some afraid of this bargain because it was got along with so quick & easy - still if Mr P. could be depended on there was no foundation for uneasiness - for he assured me she was a real first rate milker J. B. Dewey began to work for Sol. Safford Esq.

FRIDAY, APRIL 2d Chilly & cldy, some rainy P.M. w'd N. Worked at walling on the Nort. Line until driven home by bad weather after which Sylvanus worked at getting out slats for shelf ladders. Bennett Stone paid us a visit - also Mr Parsons this eve'g.

SATURDAY, APRIL 3 Fair & cold, stiff w'd N.W. Father was pretty sick. Sylvanus & myself were employed in digging & drawing stone to that fence mentioned above.

Sam'l Loomis came to see me respecting his sister Clarissa who was wishing to be released from the contract entered into with her on the 1st inst., because she considered herself as previously engaged to the committee in the E. Village to whom she had sometime ago offered herself, but had rec'd no answer when I saw her.

She had now understood that they were unanimously in her interest and sent word by major Luman that they would employ her, but the good major never thought to communicate it to her.

I told friend Samuel that I would not be over strenuous in the business - considered my bargain good - did not feel exactly willing to give it up, but would if insisted on - wanted time to think of it - must see L. J. & others - would not take much upon myself as I had greatly been blamed respecting the winter school - would do as they th't best. He offered his 2d daughter Miss Bwtsey to supply the place of his sister on the same terms.

I told him I





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had no objection personally to her, but must wait to see what seemed to be the feeling of the Dist.

He left me and was pretty soon followed by our friend Jewett who was going to see Miss C. Loomis and release her if she wished to be, and then as he was going to the Furnace - to call on Miss Hurd on his return to consult with her on this important subject.

Requested him to offer her no higher terms than those of last season - See March 28th 1829.

If he failed there he would apply to some ladies in Pownal.

O. W. Daniels bo't of thi us this day the cow usually called "Kelly" - 12 or 13 years old - gave his note due first of Oct. next for \$13. with interest, value rec'd.

Mrs Waters & daughter Mary paid a visit to our ladies on the 2d inst. B. Stone left here this morning, late - had hired to a man at N. end of the town.

Mr John Harwood partially perhaps fully settled acc'ts with us - owed him 40 cts - Sylvanus owed 20 more - we paid him in excellent cheese at 8" pr lb.

SUNDAY, APRIL 4 Fine, cold from N. Snow nearly all off.  
Frogs began to make evening music - they commenced ere this, I believe.

Mind so much confused as to prevent me from reading much.

Wrote for self and H. Waters.

Mr Cl'k was said to have delivered a very curious Sermon on the excuses of people who stay at home on the Sabbath or are otherwise abs't from Church.

Sylvanus waited upon Diadamia, Mary A. Waters & Adeline to the Centre M Meeting house - attending himself at Algiers at the Academy.

Ira B. Dewey visited us.

MONDAY, APRIL 5 Dry & cold, stiff w'd N.W. Walling was carried on.  
Visited Jewett's on school business.

Mrs J. discoursed on dairy concerns.

It was agreed that Miss Loomis should be employed as instructor of our school during the present season.

I visited the house of S. Loomis & engaged his daughter Betsey to undertake the office of teacher at \$1.50 pr week and board herself - committee to collect the bill and be accountable for all delinquences.

P.M. visited the Street - called at Hicks' - gone to Albany - Had note drawn for \$175.00 to Bennington B'k - endorsed by Ed H. Swift.

At W. Haswell's found his lady employed in writing in one of the T. Books, as I supposed.

Tho't I saw Miss Thayer there.

Rec'd Public Money for School Dist. No. 2 \$38.25" out of which paid 2/3ds to our late teacher, W. H. Mc Kee.

Walked to Algiers - paid up Seaton note \$6., 9th inst to J. & J.B. Norton





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Saw a numerous collection of young fellows playing ball - Mr S. Pratt was there - enquired respecting the cow which he said I should find among his cattle at home.

Came up to Lieut Saff'ds - supped - saw cous. Ira B. - Sylvanus & Tho's Kent met me here & assisted in driving home s'd fine cow.

Miss Loomis agreed to commence her school on Monday the 19th inst.

TUESDAY, APRIL 6 Fair & fine. Drew stone for wall. Father and Sylvanus laid up the same. Sally began her quilt.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 7 Contin'd pleas't. Brushed up pretty briskly.

Rec'd from James Hicks' Jr on note to E. Waters

\$2.14. Rode out ro W. Wadsworth's and learned that he had disposed of those cows for which I had bargained on Town meeting day.

An Adams or Cheshire man came along and paid him  $22\frac{1}{2}$  doll's a h'd for them. I was disconcerted wofully by this movem't - blamed S. & Son for holding onto their money - could find no fault with W. because he was so much in want thereof - the fact must be owned - I was abominably disappointed - could look back and see how easily I might have secured my game - it had flown and there was no remedy.

Turned round and steered direct for town - gave passage to a daughter of A. Hubbell Esq as I supposed, for I never had any personal acquaintance with her - Landed her at V.D. Speigles' - Proceeded to Mr Booth's, Algiers - saw old Mrs Barber who came up from Petersburg to visit her son who lay much indisposed - learned from her that cous. Margaret was busy in getting ready to weave the stuff we had written for.

Wrote her sometime in March.

I this day took from the Bank the sum of \$175. - int. deducted for three months. Paid up note to Swift & Son including int. since 1st Dec'r 1829, \$42.52 - also seeing Mr S. Pratt at the store paid him for his cow \$22. in full.

Believe Father and Sylvanus built wall.

Handed over to Capt. E. Waters' note & acc't amounting to \$11.14 interest inclusive.

THURSDAY, APRIL 8 Clouds blew over from the E., otherwise it was pretty pleas't. Visited the residence of Sam'l Wadsworth by walking on foot over the mountain - never was there before - liked the situation pretty well as a mountain establishment - made known my business which was to know whether his neighbors the Potters had cows to dispose of.

On going a few rods from his house to a man employed at splitting rails the question was soon settled in the negative - so after talking round awhile bo't





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a cow 7 yrs old of rather ordinary appearance, red color, say pale red, well recommended - for which paid \$22.00

Mr W. assured me it was the best he had, so pinched for money, must sell Mrs W. traded some with a dry goods pedlar who appeared to enjoy himself very calmly eating warm maple sugar.

Mr W. assisted me in driving the cow down to the gr't road. She dodged now & then, but aside from hopping among trees & brishwood we got along bravely. Agr'd to let our friend W. by way of sweetening his bargain, have a young calf 3 days old. Reached home without difficulty.

P.M. assisted Sylvanus in butchering 4 young calves whose flesh was saved for the swine, skins for tanners and some few rennets for making cheese.

Father worked at wall. Rec'd a short visit from schoolmate Cobb.

FRIDAY, APRIL 9 Very fine - really pleasant.

Public Fast through the State of Vermont.

If I mistake not the E. hay mow lasted until this day. See Feb 24 - Visited my fr'd Dr F. Johnson & lady on horseback - dined - enjoyed much good sociability. Mr M. Hurd Jr came there. The Dr accomp'd me over to Mrs Nobles', formerly widow Jessee Downs. Staid here not long - rode over to James Wittums's,  $\frac{1}{2}$  or  $\frac{3}{4}$  of a mile E of E. Brown's saw mill. The cabin was pretty open - no chimney.

Bargained for a large cheese basket to be paid for in pork, cheese & brandy to the am't of \$1. Basket to be compleated by 1st of May.

Returned directly home. O.W.Daniels visited Sylvanus who built 3 shelf ladders - A y'g calf belonging to the Potter cow was carried off by Mr Daniels which he rec'd on his son's O.W.Daniels' acc't.

SATURDAY, APRIL 10 S.E. wind & clds continued to ~~prevent~~ prevail - the air rather chilly.

Started with my lady & boy for Hoosick - Crossed the White House bridge taking the road leading down the river.

Visited the house of Capt. Brayton - found his wife and daughter employed in picking wool, pulled, as we conjectured, from the dead carcasses of sheep lost the wint. past.

Our object was to gain information respecting the dairy business - The old lady gratified us to our full satisfaction on that point.

Drove forward and arrived at the Fall's past I P.M.

Found all in comfortable health at friend Parsons' - Dined - Visited at S. Dorr's - came over the Bridge - spent sometime at Milf'd Davis Law Office where Dr Sherwood & Davis were transacting business in their line.

Esq Foster was pres't and related particulars of the attack on F't Erie - August 1814 -

After business in the office was disposed of walked home with the Dr





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On the way deliv'd a verbal message from H. Waters - requesting the payment of \$3. of long standing - The main force of his reply was that he had no money.

In the evening attended a Lecture on Philosophy by a Mr Brown. - there were many curious ideas advanced in regard to the various departments of Philosophy which I have not recollection nor time to notice here - Mixed Scripture passages with scientific questions too much for my notion of propriety. There was a pretty full room at Masonic Hall. At the close of the discourse a small contribution was raised at the suggestion of S. Parsons Esq.

Returned to friend Chatfield's. The children were about all pres't. Sat up until late in the eve'g.

SUNDAY, APRIL 11 Some rainy & chilly - rather gloomy.

Called over early in the morning to our cous. Cornelius Stone's - found him & his lady in good health - Milford Davis had business there a little while.

We discoursed about Revolutionary times and the early days of Hoosick - about 40 years ago when they, the people in gen'l, lived very poorly. My visit was necessarily short - Returned to P's and took breakfast - afterwards marched over to Dorr's to view his cows, 4 or 5 of which he wanted to sell - two were highly recommended - indeed I was puzzled to decide whether I would purchase.

P.M. there were 4 females baptized in the river below the falls - they were of the Methodist persuasion - one of the number waded into the water - knelt - and had water pured upon her head by the priest - We left in good season - drove in the rain a part of the way, arrived here before dark.

Wrote for H. Waters.

MONDAY, APRIL 12 Some rainy on the E. mountain - wind contin'd pretty brisk from that quarter.

The garden was manured & plowed - Sylvanus was a little unwell.

Mc Kee called upon us and left his School Bill, on which he had collected \$8 or \$9 - I must collect the remainder. My individual bill am'td to \$1.75 which was paid in my dem'd on the Dist. of \$2.00

Mr Wadsworth received Dun's calf.

TUESDAY, APRIL 13 E. storm continued.

French plaster sown on six acres rye stubble.

See May 1827. Sowed more plast.

P. M. down by the Parsons' place, had fence repaired there.

Sylvanus unwell - visits Homer Merchant's, A. Potter's & E. Fay's to see cows - finds none that very well suits his eye.

T. Kent sp'd manure for us perhaps 2/3rds of the day.





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WEDNESDAY, APRIL 14 Very fine. Manure in the N. meadow is spread -  
 T. Kent assists - Sylvanus draws a l'd lumber from  
 the Woodward sawmill with oxen & horse. Hopkins in comp'y for Mrs Kent  
 who rec'd s'd lumber on cr of Francis Wickwire, as I was informed.  
 Moses Bushnell buys 2 young calves of us marked much alike - intends  
 rearing them for oxen.  
 Bargained for a load of coals at Furnace price tombe deliv'd in June -  
 calves to be reckoned at \$1. tow'd it - remainder to be paid next fall.  
 Rexford Wittum accomp'd Bushn'l.

THURSDAY, APRIL 15 Cleared away pretty handsomely - started the plow  
 oxen & horse - managed by Sylvanus & Hopkins.  
 Father & (Sylv) T. Kent finished sp'dg manure & did something else by  
 noon. Thomas assisted Sylvanus about pigs early P.M. Tho's then  
 went to sawing off app. limbs for his own benefit as he was instructed  
 by us.  
 A psrt of the day I was in town, very uneasy - County Court sitting -  
 saw a good many idle people like myself - Horace Dimmick among the rest  
 who regretted that such fine weather should be devoted to such use.  
 Came home, dined, visited neighbor Fay who with his sons was building  
 wall in a pasture ab't west of Loomis'. Enquired for & saw his cows  
 which at a distant slight view appeared quite well. The Deac. called  
 them 8 or 9 years old - At my suggestion the horns of that which I  
 should have pronounced the youngest, were examined & the result was  
 that she had seen 11 years - so I staid no longer to talk of these  
 creatures.  
 Crossed down to L. Jewett's - found L. sowing peas E. of his mesdow.  
 Shewed him the School Bill and my demand for reapiers of school house  
 which he pronounced just and promised soon to pay. Walked on to the E  
 with a faint notion of seeing a cow of Bushnell's, but finding L.  
 Barney busily repairing post and rail wall, discoursed with him some-  
 time. Shaped my course homeward - halted a mom't at Mer't Green's -  
 saw his wife who appeared quite out of health - her father, uncle J.  
 Magoon, was there and so also was old Mr G. & lady - the latter gent  
 left when I did - kept the road with me up to the Smith house - I then  
 came over S. of the Atwood woods by Mrs Kent's new house and got home  
 in good season.  
 T. C. Parsons of Hoosick Falls came over & tarried with us.

FRIDAY, APRIL 16 Fine & some smoky - many fires were going in the  
 woods on mountains in Arlington & in Pown'l tow'ds  
 Stamford.

With team & Hopkins followed the plow.  
 Father and Sylvanus finish building wall on Nort. line on which the for-  
 mer was employed on the 15th of which 15 rods had built during the pres-  
 ent month - total on the line including last fall's work am'td to 38  
 rods. Total built this sp'g 22 rods. See Mar. 30





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SATURDAY, APRIL 17 Remarkably fine, but cool - wind N. Rode to Hoosic buying cows. Halted at the Four Corners - heard of two for sale S. of Warren's - examined & enquired - were 8 & 9 yrs old, low in flesh, a fault unusually prevalent at this time, did n't suit - went on to the Falls carrying young Orville Parsons most of the way on horseback behind me - His employm't was carrying the mail from the C's to the F's - Saw a Mr Watson who said he resided in Upper Canada, was formerly from Pow'l, Vt. - suppose I knew him when a boy - son of Freeborn Watson.

Dined at our Sister Ruth's, heard the talk of removing with a part of her family to Old Tan Brook - saw Henry P. a few mom'ts.

Visited Dorr & lady & learned that they had disposed of their cows, four of them, for \$83.00 - Left in haste - some disapp'd - came by way Garr't Breese's - in whose yard bo't 2 young cows belonging to his son who was ~~about~~ absent, and paid his lady \$40. as we ~~could~~ counted then, and drove home the same and a calf a week old in the bargain.

Friend Parsons tho't I had made out pretty well.

SUNDAY, APRIL 18 Very fine and warm - season coming on in regular order - meadows and pastures becoming daily more verdant, but quite slowly for want of rain.

In paying over my money to Mrs B. yesterday, although assisted by her brother-in-law and counted twice over in the barn yard, yet in the hurry of business there was a blunder of \$2. against me which I ascertained before going to bed by counting over what remained in my pocket book which occasioned considerable disturbance in a mind of no stronger capacity than mine.

So, after breakfast, invited Sylvanus to ride in the wagg. with me to see those people and perhaps if they should deal honorably with me to purchase another cow of them - Arrived there between 9 & 10 A.M. - were handsomely treated - the mistake had been found out & had I not gone thither, they would have forwarded me the money, the first opportunity. It was very readily handed back this morning.

After examining their stock, which consisted chiefly of the Roger's Breed, selected a fine young brockle faced cow with a handsome calf by her side, for which he asked \$22. but finally consented to take one dollar less, & accordingly I paid him \$21.00 & agreed to take her away on Monday or Tuesday.

They shewed us some fine specimens of their stock, particularly their bull of 1829 - now 4 or 5 years old.

We arrived here from Hoosick past 1 P.M.

Wrote for H. Waters.

Sylvanus walked to his father's in Pow'l.

April 12th Mr W. Seaton removed from Parsons' to the Dr house.

See Nov 14th., 1829





- 1830 MONDAY, APRIL 19 Handsome day. Business called over to the Furnace. Saw Benj Sears, C. Bowker, & young Elwell employed by the Company in getting out materials for building board fence, that is they were planing boards &c. Agreed to deliver Sears 15 bbls potatoes at 2/0 pr bbl at his house in the street. Mrs John Harwood rec'd this P.M. the Brindle Hoosick cows calf as I agreed with her in the m'g - 1 week & 2 days old at \$1. - Father & Sylvanus worked in the garden - the latter butchered 3 calves & conveyed uncle J's calf to him. Our Dist. School commenced this day. Hopkins attended.
- TUESDAY, APRIL 20 Very fine again; Cow & calf bro't from Hoosick by Sylvanus, making up the number to 30 - Sowed over the old ox pasture - 9 acres with plaster. P.M. a variety of movements were made preparatory to making cheese, father rec'd a contusion on the end of his great toe of the left foot.
- WEDNESDAY, APRIL 21 Smoky, warm, fires continue on the mountains. Carting manure employed us. H.Waters begins his Wilcox house frame - Hoosick 4 C's
- THURSDAY, APRIL 22 Very pleas't & warm, expected & wanted rain. Same business again. Would have liked much to have attended the examination & Eve'g Exhibition Mr Lusk's School which were said to be very <sup>superior</sup> in almost every respect. Their music was grand & fine. Lydia, Damia & Adeline attended, day & evening. Sylvanus in the eve'g only accomp'd by friend Parsons. I was too much occupied & fatigued with business to turn out - Sally made a beginning of making cheese.
- FRIDAY, APRIL 23 Chilly & cloudy, wind E. Continued carting manure, Several loads of which was procured at the hog pens fine for corn - Our first double curd cheese for this season was made. Paid cous. N.L. Robinson in full for our half of Woodford timber land, \$6.50 this morning. Made final settlem't with Mr Truman Hendryx against whom there was a balance of 18 cts which he paid in full - His family were removed to Jackson, N.Y. His brother Isaiah calculated to carry on the tailoring business in his stead. T.Kent was now fully engaged in fitting up his Mother's new house for their future residence. Miss Adeline Stone was here on a visit.
- SATURDAY, APRIL 24 Chilly & some rainy - w'd E. Father had 8 bbls corn ground at Walbridge's - partly bargained for sow & pigs of Mrs Ira Haynes - Sylvanus butchered 2 calves, made shelf ladder &c. I laid up sleds and partially cleared the N. orch'd - spruce poles mostly laid up.





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Cousin M.A. Waters ret'd from town this P.M. with father, Capt Wilber Blackmer of this town expired on the 23rd inst after a short & acute illness of but few weeks stand'g ag'd....y'rs. Friend Chatfield could hear nothing from his family as yet. Our last year's hay was about all expended yesterday, there now remained a supply, the over plus of two seasons.

SUNDAY, APRIL 25 Cool, cloudy, high S.E. wind. White birch leaves had been out several days - other things of the kind might be mentioned which do not occur to me to prove the forwardness of the season. I should pronounce it about 20 days in advance of what it has been known to be in some years. My employment was of the usual kind. J. B. Dewey paid us a visit. Father too unwell to go to church. Friend Parsons tow'd the latter part of the day went to Pownal among his friends. Ben Hand & his companion paid us a short visit. Lydia & Diadama attended church together. B. Sears here this eve'g - performed some writing for him.

MONDAY, APRIL 26 Very showery - fine growing season. Removed corn in the waggon shed loft - would say there was ab't 66 bbls on hand. Sent to the residence of B. Sears 15 bbls potatoes on cr. at 2/0 pr bbls. Late P.M. drove out neighbor Brown & Robinson's cattle from the woods pasture & repaired fence on line between gen. Robinson & Br'n. Sold O.W. Daniels 2 dolls worth butter & cheese for the man with whom he boarded. Carter Hall got  $6\frac{1}{4}$  lbs butter on cr. for his mother. Sold butter in these days at 1/0 pr lb.

TUESDAY, APRIL 27 Cold frozen morning, fair weather ensued, wind N. After 1 load of manure was droawn out the remainder of the day was devoted to clearing the orchard of brush trimmed from the trees.

Sold 9 bbls Potatoes at 2/0 to Mr Dan'l Chuch for his eldest son who came without the money - on which acc't felt an unwillingness to let them go because reports had circulated within a few months detrimental to the credit of his father.

Emerson Gleason rode up in a sulky - had his horse stabled & in the evening attended Exhibition at the Seminary which they said was remarkably fat with a few honorable exceptions.

See Aug. 19 and Oct 27 1829

P.M. rode out in Gleason's sulky - called on delinquents on School Bill & rec'd nothing but dry vague promises.

Sold to Capt. Jac. Safford 6 lbs butter for which rec'd \$1 Benn'g money - saw the old gent's portrait executed when he was 70 y'rs of age, 1822 At Swift & Son's saw Maj. L. Norton who proposed to buy the half of my scraper and pay me in ware - I refused & said





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I had paid my money for it & nothing less than that would purchase it of me. In the eve'g saw Mc Kee here who came down to see about money - informed him of my success - he then said he must have it by the fifth of May if possible. So I made it my business to write letters to Fay, Jewett, Searls & Carpenter to pay over on or before s'd day.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 28 Very fine & fair, leaves coming out rapidly. Continued pruning very slosly the N. orchard & carrying off the brush which was given to T. Kent on condition that he should cut it from the trees & carry it away so that what we executed in this line was for him - would ask of him 2 days labor - he was on the gr'd with us this day. Neighbor Parsons returned from Pownal on Tuesday and was ardently engaged in repairing fences in Tan Brook. Mr Getty was employed in building stone fence W. side the road E. of the new Doct. Fay barn - new tenant of S.H. Brown, hope he may do well. Rode up Street - rec'd from D. Church \$3. in full for 9 bhl potatoes. Saw Maj. Haynes coming to see us about sow & pigs - told him if we concluded to purchase would get them away tomorrow or next day. On Tuesday, if I mistake not, Mrs Potter, amiable consort of Aaron P. of Pownal departed this life after enduring a most distressing illness many days, in the y'r of her age, leaving her psrtner with 7 children, most of them young, to mourn her exit. Business occasioned my being at Swift & Son's - saw Lawyer Squires, J.E Robinson & Mr Dayton who made remarks on Mr Ballard's late examination and exhibition favorable thereto - spoke of the girdling of trees which had lately taken place in the street. They did not approve it at all. Cous. M. A. Waters went up street on business April 27. Up the Hill saw Clark & Merrill.

THURSDAY, APRIL 29 Mild S. wind - fine Spring day.

Started a plow and after breaking two plow points bo't of O. W. Daniels who had them of Grover, the business was suspended - father & Sylv. carted 8 loads manure into the cornfield. My business was to get home a sow & 5 pigs bo't of Mrs Ira Haynes for \$8. to be paid first of June. The major assisted in driving them here. Uncle Sam'l Rob. & sons appeared to be employed in planting or setting out app. trees, plowing & repairing fences &c.- dined there - saw cous. Polly a few mom'ts. Mrs Haynes considered her dangerous - tho't the consumption was fast upon her. Saw Mr Horace Edgerton whose residence was now a few rods N. of the Nichols Bridge. Bo't a new plough point at Swift & S's at 48" if good - should it fail 25"

FRIDAY, APRIL 30 Very fine & warm.

Father & Sylvanus resumed plow'g the orchard N. of the house which had not been ploughed before since 1786. I visited cow pasture - laid up some rail fence belonging to Samuel H. Brown





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Insepected pasture & concluded on turning the cows there on the 5th proximo. Saw & condemned the use made by a neighbor of the privilege of passing through s'd pasture with wagg. l'ds of manure - viewed it to be quite an injury - for which there would be no compensation - did not wish to be quite so "clever" again. S.H.Brown called upon us and talke pretty earnestly about building board fence on the Fay line - E. of our meadows.

Mrs Kent this day entered her new house at the Blue Hill which was so far finished as to render it quite a tolerable summer residence. Neighbor Parson's continued busy in Tan Brook.

SATURDAY, MAY 1st The S. wind blew up stoutly - warm too - App. trees began to show their blossoms.

The ploughing mentioned on the 30th was finished - two young calves butchered & skinned, leach filled with ashes, stones carted off the old garden gr'd in the S. meadow &c &c.

Cousin Henry Parsons came out from Hoosick and returned at night with his father who had Andrews's horse & wagg. to go with.

At night there came on a pretty heavy storm of rain attended with thund & lightning.

SUNDAY, MAY 2d Rained until sometime in the morn'g - Storm ended warm. Vegetation wore a flourishing appearance.

The business of journalizing hung hesvily on me - executed it as hastily as I could.

Perused papers which for a few weeks past had greatly neglected, noticed that the people of France were likely to get into some trouble with their King & Ministry.

Late P.M. walked out to view the meadows & pastures - found a chain that had been lost ever since last August, suspended from a broken limb o a certain walnut tree standing near the center of the S. meadow.

We had imagined that this property had been stolen soon after it was missed, & from a variety of circumstances were pretty strongly confirmed in the belief that a certain character who decamped from these parts in those days was the author of s'd mischief. Of so much guilt & crime let him here stand acquitted - at the same time it would be impossible to clear his character from some knavish deeds committed at the time alluded to.

Had his fame stood fair previous to the supposed perpetration of theft I should now have had great reason to be sorry for what had been said.

Mr Parsons arrived from Hoosick late in the day.

With wife & family inclusive of S. W. Daniels and even La Fayette visited Mrs Kent in her new habitation in the evening - pronounced it quite comfortable as a Summer residence.

Sam'l Loomis Esq came up and carried away at night 2 very fine male calves the progeny of the Judd & Pratt cows - on cr. at 50" a head.





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TUESDAY, MAY 3d Should be MONDAY, May 3d - flying cl'ds from S.  
 very growing season. Sprd'g manure & plowing gr'd  
 W. of the barn for planting corn constituted one branch of employ't.  
 P.M. father & self prepared stakes for hog. past. fence. T. Kent worked  
 here half a day - spd'g manure.  
 Mr Parsons seemed rather displeased with his fortune - continued fitting  
 up his old stand.  
 Old Mr Loomis bargained for a young calf for 1 bhl corn.  
 Mr E. Fay in the eve'g paid his school money \$1.96 this evening very  
 good natured & very sociable in the bargain.  
 Sylvanus helped T. Kent remove his Cheeseman pig to his new establish't.  
 Mr Hastings removed family & effects from Dr Swift's (Noadiah) to the  
 late residence of gen. Henry Robinson.  
 Our cows were first turned out to pasture for the season.

TUESDAY, MAY 4 Soft S. wind contin'd. Fine season. Spd'g manure  
 & garden'g & other business occupied our attention.  
 Had business in town. Saw the W. stage start for Albany crowded with  
 passengdrs among whom was cous. U. M. Robinson - engaged him to call on  
 the Messrs Arnold in Troy to know if my brandy had been sold.  
 Heman Robinson engaged 6 lbs butter of me.  
 Called at the office of capt. Hall - was introduced by W. S. Southworth  
 to Mr Burham, principal of old Line School, Bennington, conversed a few  
 moments on common topics and advanced up the hill - visited the print-  
 ing office & J. S. Robinson's office - in the latter were Sam'l H.  
 Blackmer, L. Patchin, M. Norton Jun., S. H. Br'n and others who some o  
 of them observed it was not worth while to be haste about paying rates  
 to priest C. the pres't year.  
 Friend P. sent off Mr G. Robinson to Hoosick for household goods, hired  
 our two h. wagg. for that purpose. Guarded R's business during his ab-  
 sence.  
 Before going up street went to Maj. L. Norton's & bo't on acc't a 2 gal  
 pot at 50" for laying down butter for future use.  
 The Maj. informed me had not long since rec'd a letter from his cous.  
 Norman Judd acquainting him with the fact of his lady having presented  
 him with a son in his old age, 48, after a suspension of 12 years in  
 the family way.  
 Rec'd another No. of the St Lawrence Gaz. from cous. Barter.  
 Cous. M. A. Waters came from town quite out of health.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 5 Heavy S. wind, broken cl'ds - rain expected.  
 I should pronounce app. tree blossoms to be out  
 nearly to the full, if not quite.  
 Butternut leaves were pretty well grown - other things in proportion.





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Corn gr'd plowed ready for rolling.

The fence around the upp'r orchard was repaired and the flock enclosed therein - mare and colts removed from one pasture into another.

Had business in town, six cys worth of repairs to a bridle & single harness, reins for \$1.50 cts were rec'd on acc't at J. & J. Hicks'. C. Hicks left a colt's skin at the shop - hooked to death before it came into the world.

Saw John Stephen's there with horse & sulky - spoke very handsomely of Mc Waine's stud.

Transacted business at Swift & Son's.

Went to view the horse called "American" Soldier" - liked his shape better than I did his color.

Met neighbor G. Robinson in front of Hicks' shed, conversed with him on affairs between him and Mr B. - remember very little of what he advanced.

At P. Dewey's barn saw L. Dewey who made some observations on the build of our young colt, which he liked tolerably well.

John Crawl'd & others were employed in shovelling manure.

Friend Parsons was now in trouble on acc't of the attachm't of his goods, by old Mr Kenyon of 4 Corners, as Mr R. was coming over with them.

Father visited S. part of the town - talked with friend L. Jewett's lady on the dairy subject.

THURSDAY, MAY 6 Gr't rain during the night past - cool wind, fly'g cl'ds all day - growing season.

Orchard harr'd & Plow'd

L'd of stakes procured from the woods - potatoes got up out the cellar - 12 bhls sold to Montague at 2/0 - six more conveyed by me to John Harwood at the same price in advance for shoe-making.

P'd 41 cts of S. W. Daniels' money pr order verbal to James Harwood. Saw Mrs Harwood's calf which we sold her or her husband 2 or 3 weeks since - growing nicely.

At Mr Booth's rec'd those articles from Petersburg, N.Y. for which I wrote cous. M. Harwood about March 18 - which see - could not have suited better.

BO't nails and other things S. & Son's amounting to 67" on book.

P.M. no business of special importance occupied my attention - fixed cheese shelf ladder &c.

We now milked 24 cows - friend P. assisted some at milking.

Mrs Andrews this morning presented her husband with a fine daughter - 4th of that sex & 6th child in their family.

This day paid S. W. Daniels \$3.63 in full of \$20.00 due him this Spring, according to contract.

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